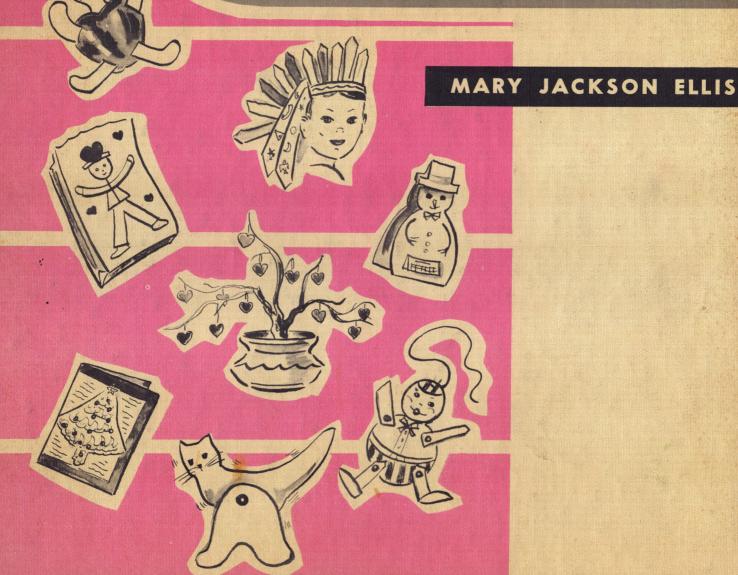


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## Introduction

The projects suggested in this book have been successfully made by kindergarten children. Of course the entire class would not be expected to work on just one project at a time. Instead, a few who care to work on one idea could do so, while others of the class experiment with a different activity.

These drawings were taken from actual completed projects of kindergarten children. The artist has tried to capture the thought and feeling of the child who made each.

I have tried to present basic information, so that the child may be given a basic idea, a start to proceed in his own direction, thus making no two finished projects in the class alike. To be sure, any ideas of pattern work are to be eliminated. And because only on rare occasions will the entire class care to follow any one suggestion, many areas should be ready for work so that the child may work where he has the greatest interest.

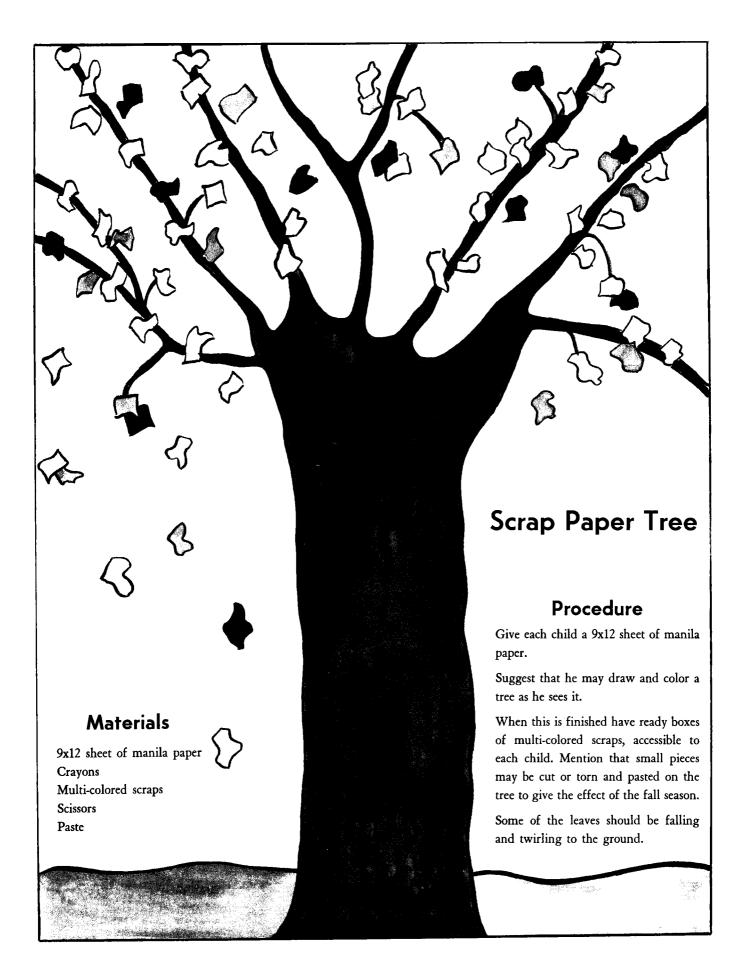
In order to stress again the idea of originality no specific or detailed directions should be given. Each child should use his own ideas. The more original the project the better.

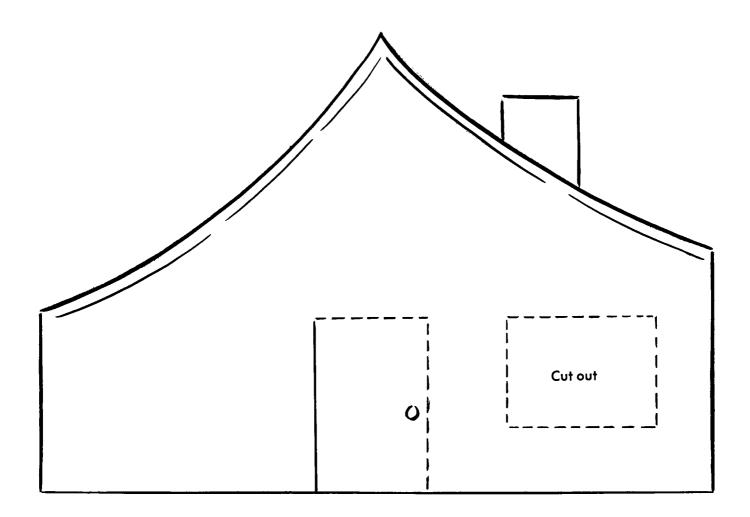
For classroom use it is preferable to correlate these projects with other activities of the daily program, such as songs, poems and stories. Many teachers using my Kindergarten Log or the First Grade Log will find that these suggested ideas were designed to fit into just such a program.

-Mary Jackson Ellis

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## House

## **Materials**

Crayon

Scissors

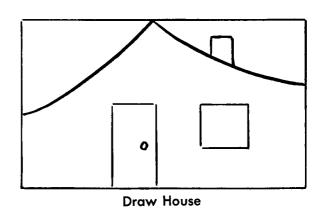
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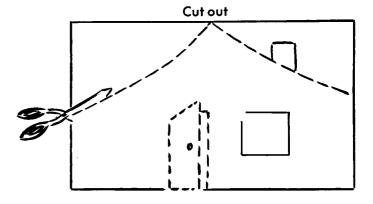
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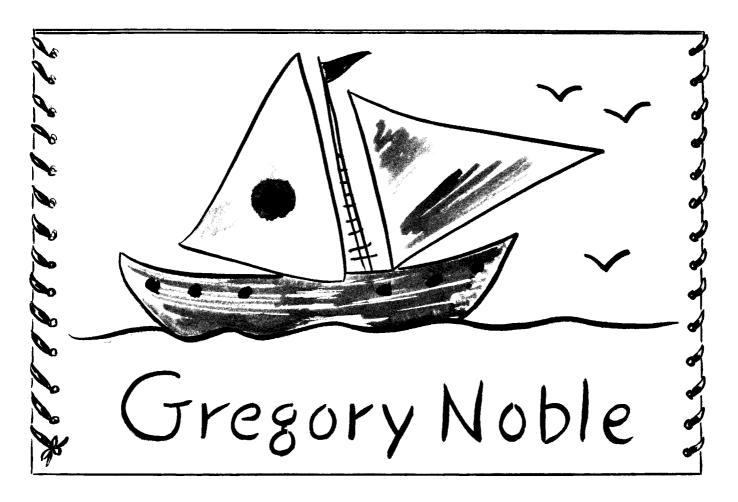
Using a crayon, ask pupils to draw a house. Start at the side of the paper, draw to the top of the paper, then down to the other side. This makes the roof for the house.

A chimney, door, and window are drawn in with crayon.

The roof-line is cut out, the window, and part of the door. One side of the door is not cut. This is used to open and close the door.







## Work Envelope

#### **Materials**

18x36 brown wrapping paper Paper puncher Yarn Crayons This is an exceptionally useful envelope to make at the beginning of the school term.

The child's work can be kept in it throughout the year. It is a good folder to send home with the youngster in the spring. Parents will appreciate the progress shown during the year.

#### **Procedure**

Instruct the children to fold the brown wrapping paper in half.

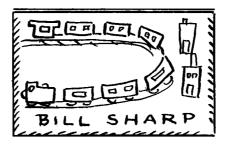
The sides may be punched by the teacher or made with a bobby pin by the pupil.

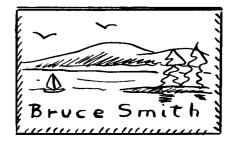
Yarn is used to overlap the edges and hold the envelope together.

The children may draw a picture on the front cover in the fall and one on back in the spring.

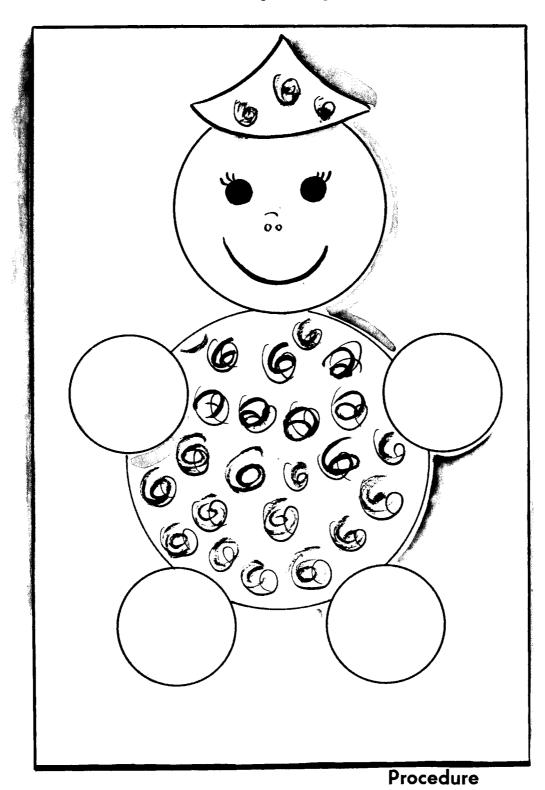
The child's name should be printed by the teacher in the fall, then placed in an accessible place.





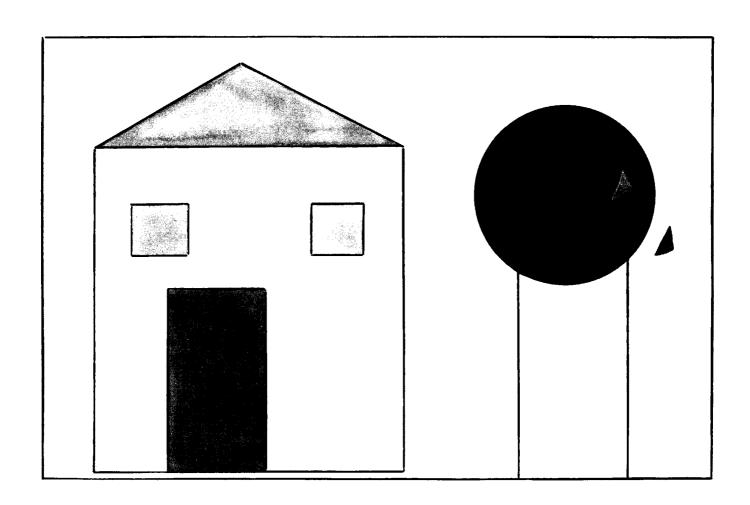


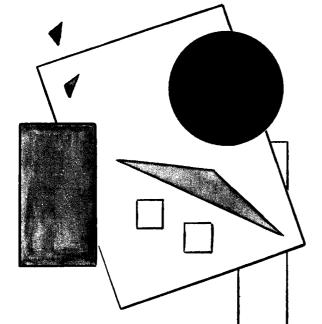
# **Roly Poly**



## **Materials**

9x12 paper (manila) Box of circles (graduated sizes, various colors.) Paste Crayons Suggest that the child select circles of his choice for a body, head, arms, and legs. He may paste the circles on the manila paper in positions of his choice. Then draw the nose, eyes and mouth. The child may draw and color buttons, belt, pockets and whatever his imagination stimulates him to do.





Varied shapes

# Pictures Using Varied Shapes

#### **Materials**

9x12 construction paper Box of varied shapes patterns Scrap box of construction paper Scissors Paste

## **Procedure**

Discuss the various shapes with the children.

Let children select which shapes they wish to trace on scrap paper to make a picture. Encourage them to suggest which shape to use to make trees, houses, etc.

Cut out the shapes. Paste on the 9x12 construction paper.

## Birthday Crowns

#### **Materials**

Newsprint

Construction paper scraps

Paste

Scrap box

Crayons

Scissors

Crepe paper

Aluminum foil

String

#### **Procedure**

A birthday chart is made in the fall showing when each child in class has a birthday.

When someone's birthday is approaching, two or three children work together to make a birthday headband for the birthday child. Try to make it a surprise occasion.

The illustrations below are merely suggestions for headbands throughout the year.

Let the children use their own imaginations.













January February













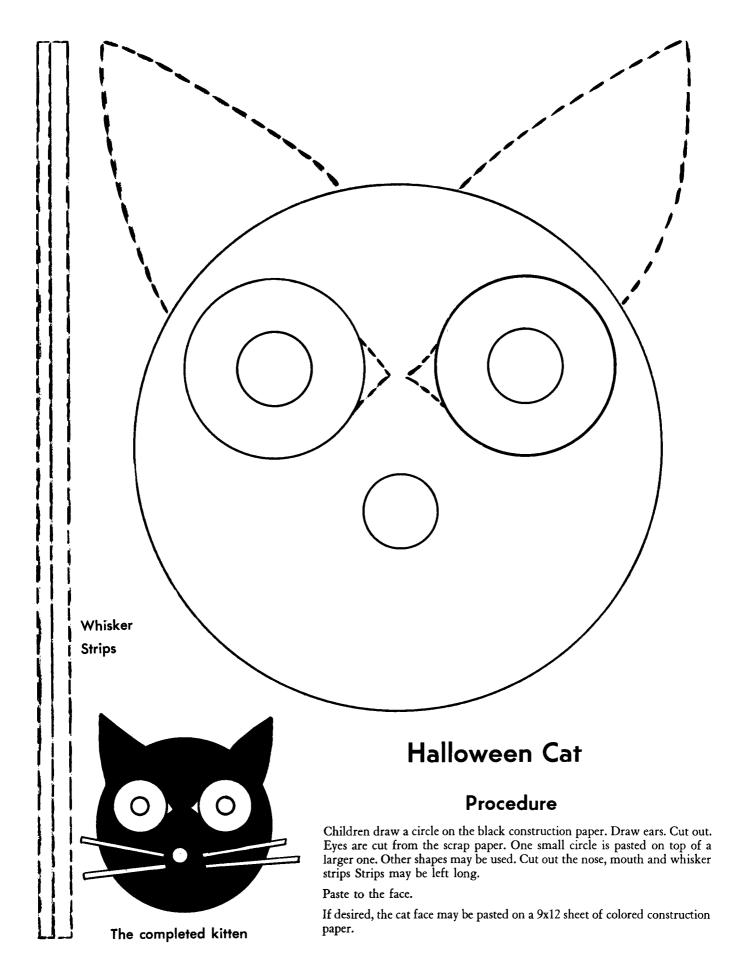












# Pumpkin Man

## **Materials**

9x12 orange construction paper.

Black and green crayons.

Small pieces of black and green construction paper.

Brads

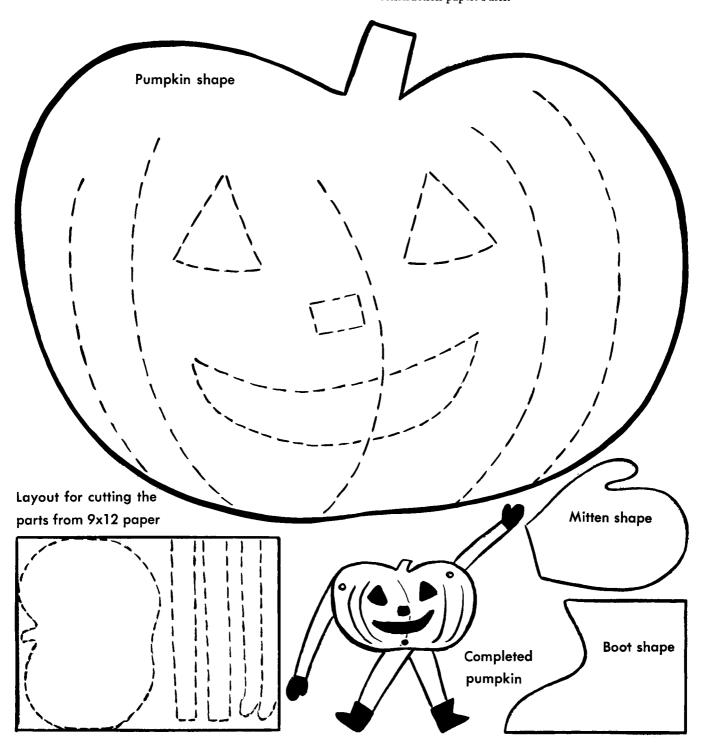
Paste

Scissors

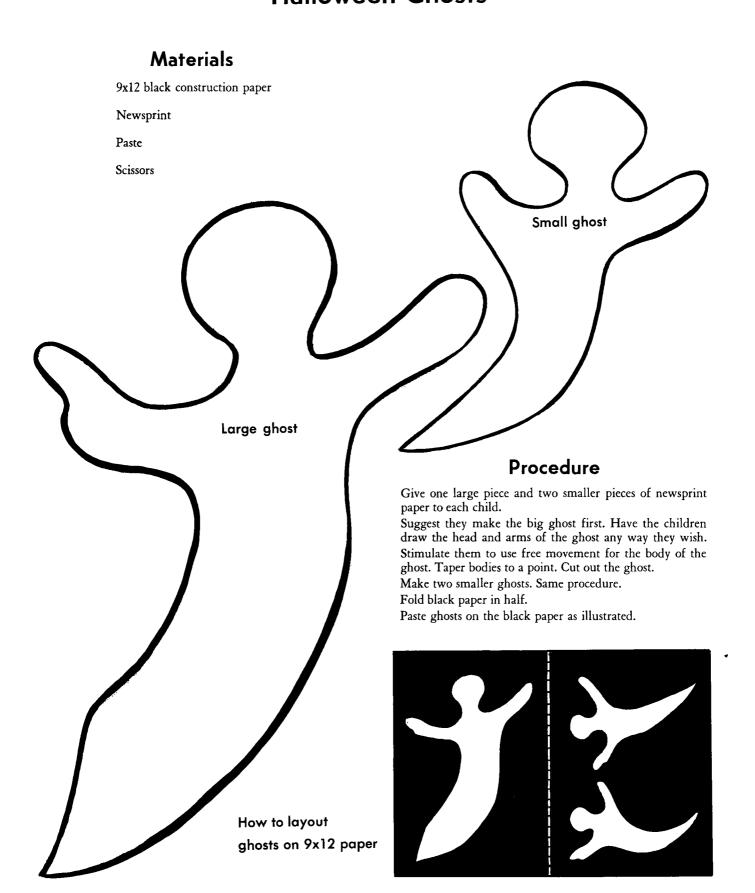
## **Procedure**

Children draw the pumpkin shape, arms, and legs in the size shown below. The feet may be rounded at the end. Children cut out the parts.

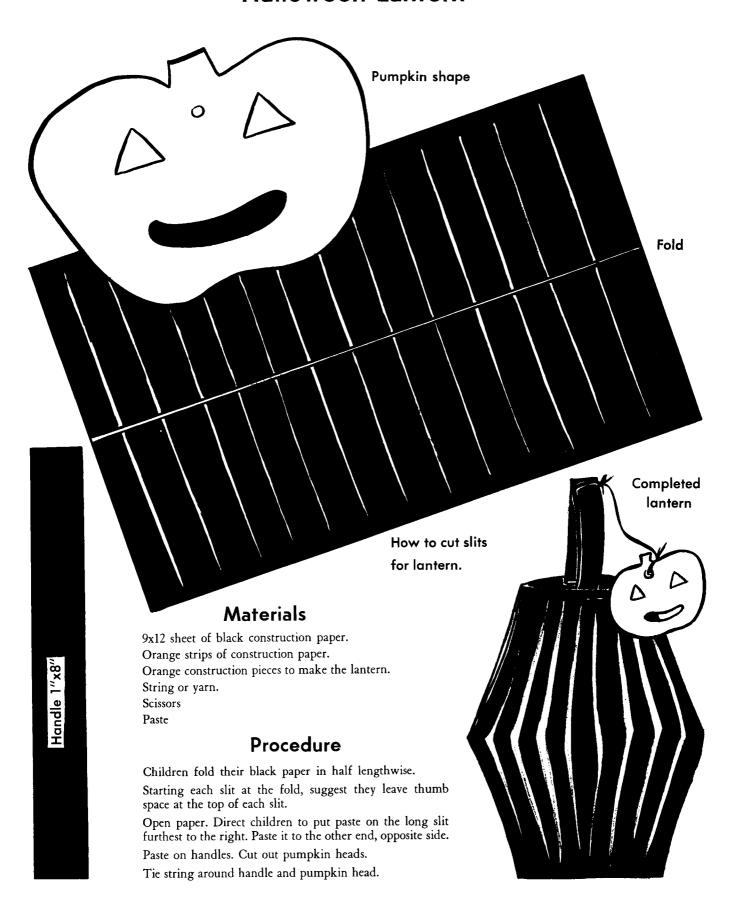
Draw face and lines with crayons as desired.
Put brads in to hold pumpkin man together.
Boots and mittens may be cut out of the green or black construction paper. Paste.

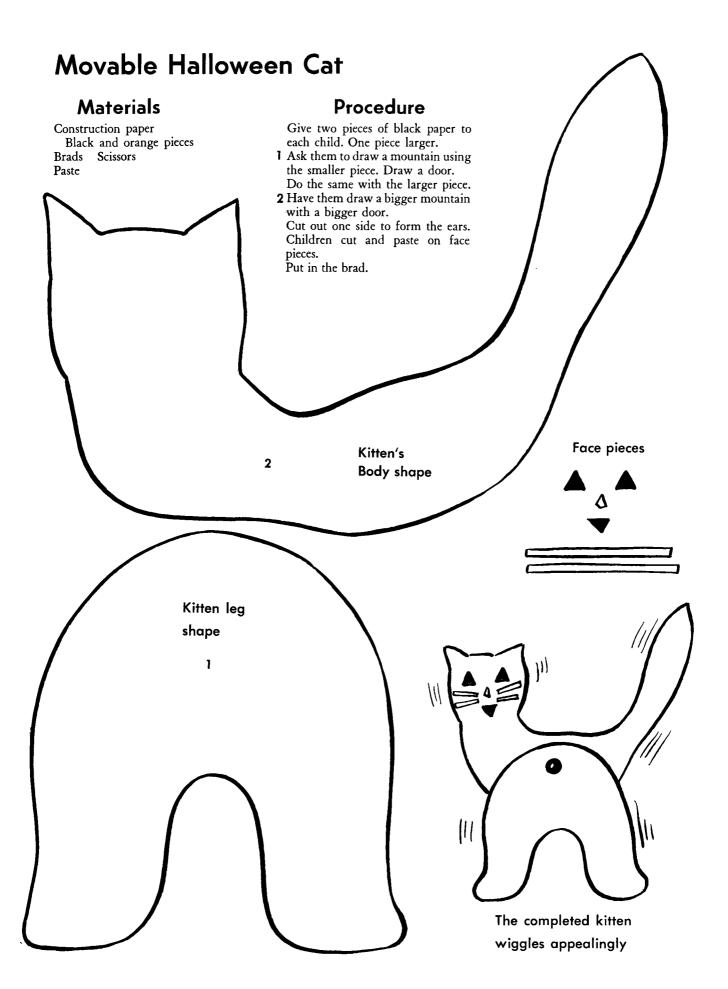


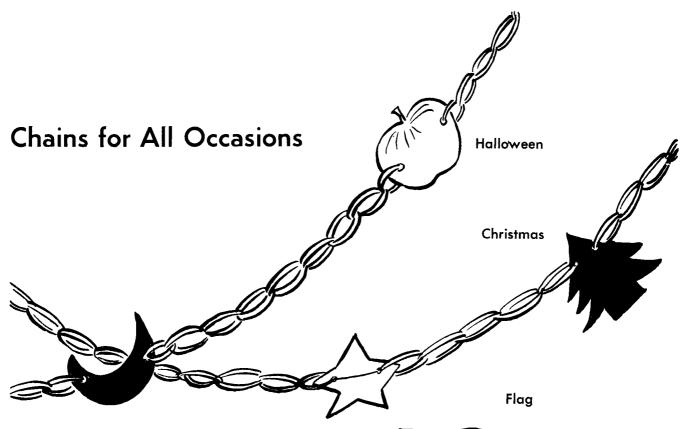
## Halloween Ghosts



## Halloween Lantern







#### **Materials**

Colored construction paper

Paste

Scissors

#### **Procedure**

Paper rings can be used throughout the school year.

The children cut the strips of construction paper. A chain is made by pasting one ring through another.

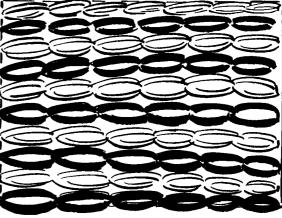
Blue background paper can be used with red and white circles pinned or pasted over it to obtain the flag or shield effect.

An entire Christmas tree can be made from the paper rings for a bulletin board display or a chain decorated as shown above.

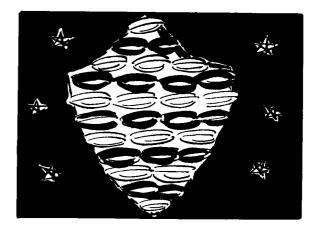
For any holiday these rings can be used decoratively. At

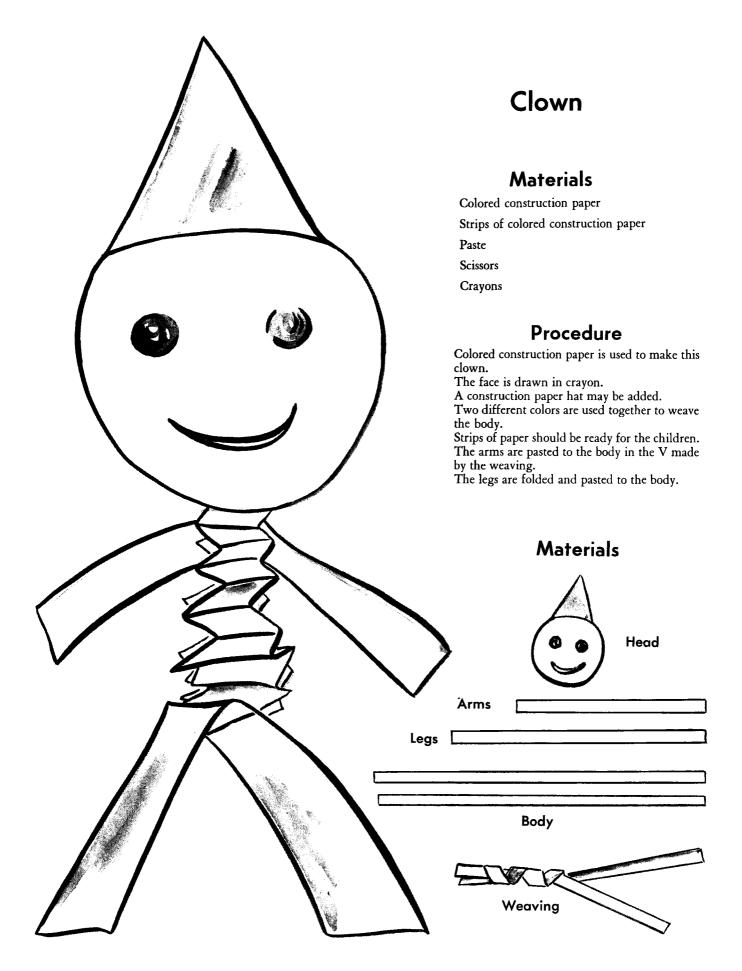
Thanksgiving time a huge turkey could be made.

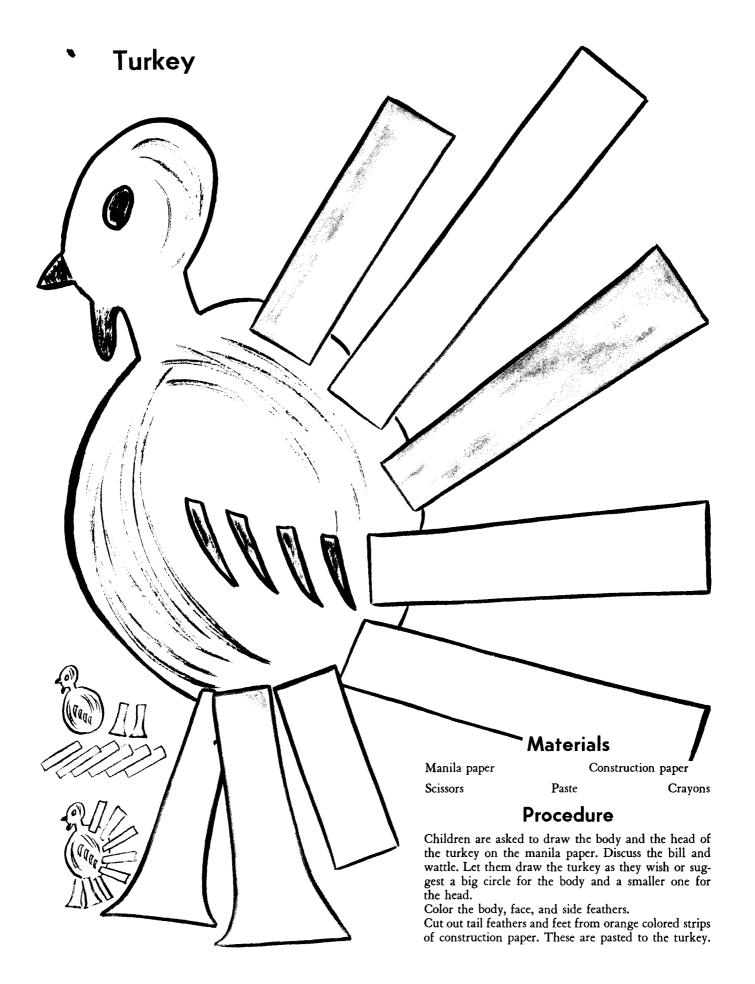
The children may suggest other uses for the chains.



Shield







## Indian Big Boy

#### **Materials**

Tagboard Brown paper bag Construction paper Brown wrapping paper Newspaper Crayons Paste Scissors

Completed

Indian

Chief

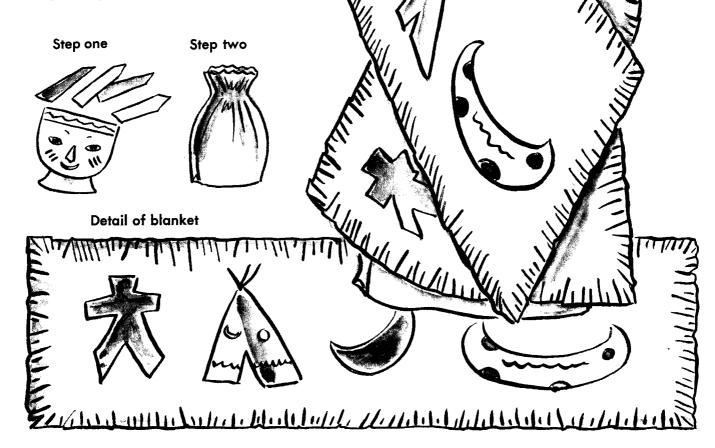
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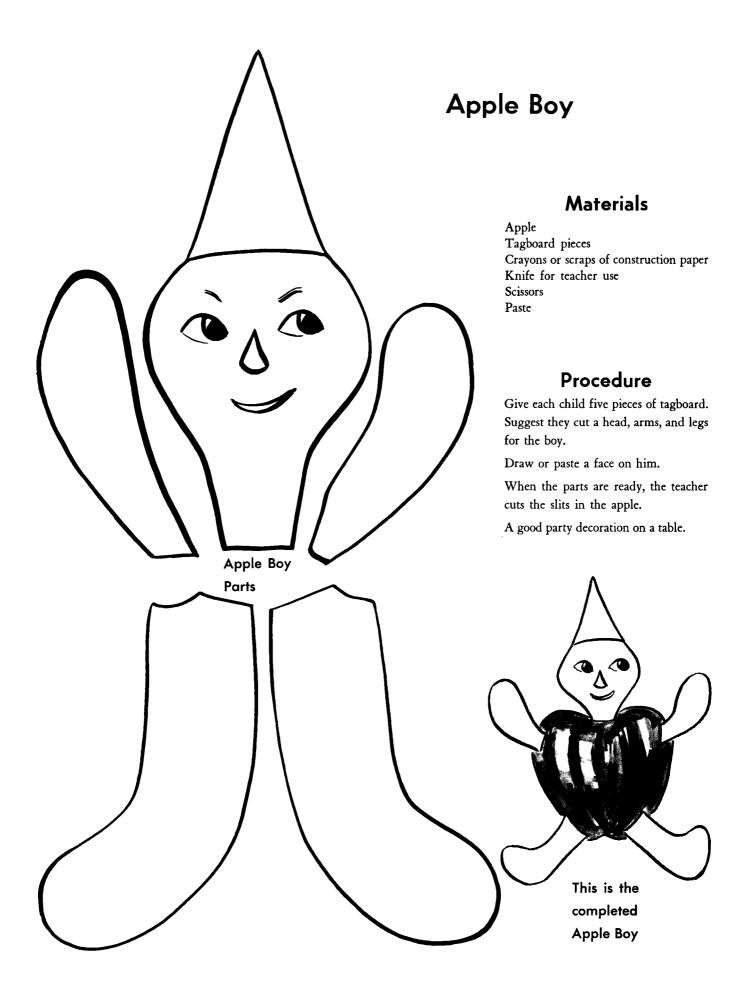
The Indian head is cut from tagboard. After discussing the features and facial expressions of Indians, the children draw the face and headband.

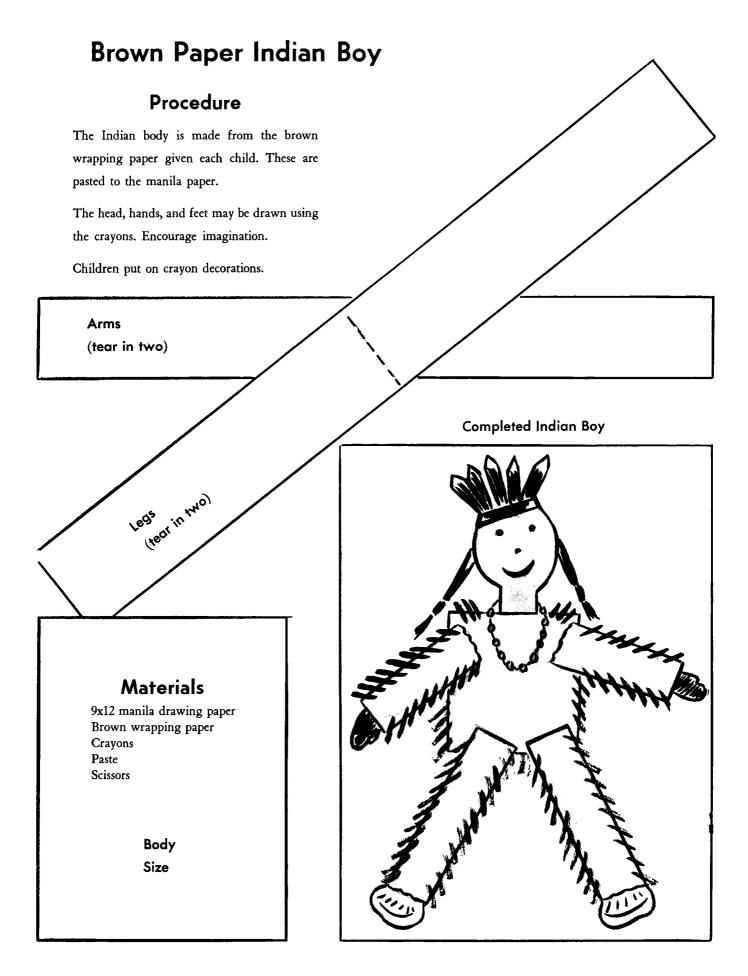
Strips of colored construction paper are cut for the feathers and pasted to the top of the headband.

The paper bag is stuffed with newspaper. The head of the Indian is placed in the middle of the neck of the bag. Staple together.

The brown wrapping paper is designed. The edges fringed, and placed around the Indian.









## Indian Headband

## **Materials**

Brown wrapping paper Crayons Construction paper Scissors Paste Staple

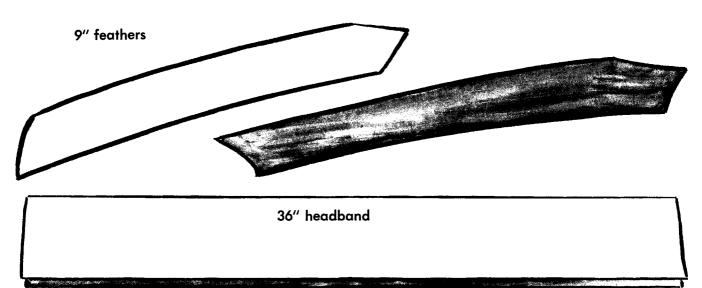
#### **Procedure**

Each child is given brown paper to fold in half for the headband.

Discuss with children Indian pictures or designs. Encourage them to suggest ideas for drawings on the headbands. Use crayons. Bring out in the discussion the love of Indians for bright color.

Children cut out feathers from the construction paper or color feathers from the brown wrapping paper. Paste to the inside of the headband.

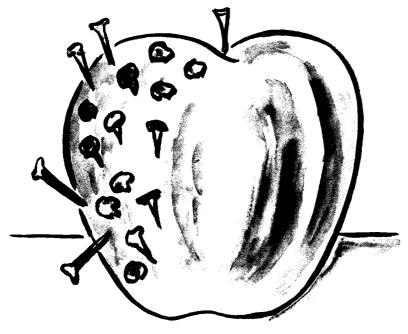
Teacher staples headband to fit the child.



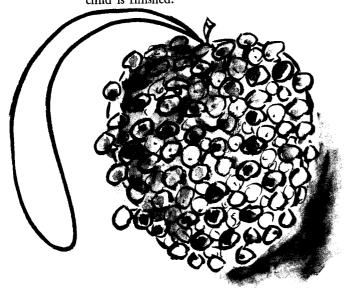


## **Cloved Apple Sachet**

Cloves are to be pushed all the way into the apple.



No part of the apple should be showing when the child is finished.



## **Materials**

Apple Cloves Yarn or ribbon

#### **Procedure**

Each child should have an apple, box of cloves, and ribbon on his desk.

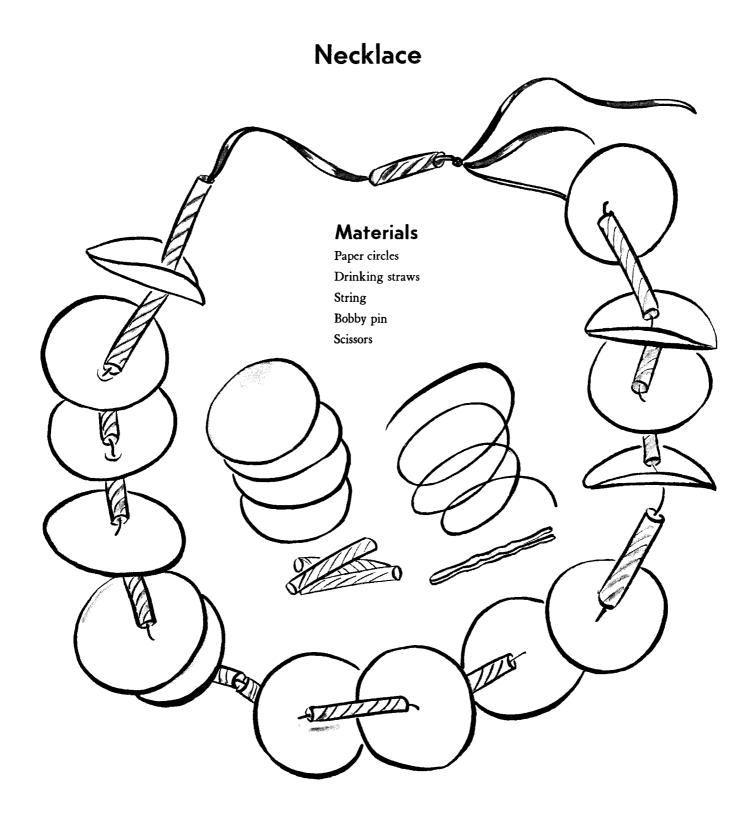
Cloves are to be pushed all the way into the apple. The cloves must be placed very close together.

No part of the apple should be showing when the child is finished.

Ribbon or yarn is tied to the stem of the apple.

Ask the children to bring an apple and a box of cloves from home.

Explain to the children the purpose of this art project. Tell them what a good-smelling gift this will be to take home. It can be hung in the closet to make the clothes smell fresh.



## **Procedure**

Give each child several straws, scraps of construction paper,

and a length of string.

Circles are cut out. The straws are cut in varying lengths.

With the string in the bobby pin, the child threads it through

the straws and circles, alternating each time until of desired length.

Yarn may be used instead of string.
The bobby pin punches the hole for the string.
Makes a colorful bracelet also.

## Santa Claus

#### **Materials**

Tagboard 4½x12 Gift tissue paper 4½x12 Cotton Staples Crayons Paste Scissors

#### **Procedure**

Each child is given a piece of tagboard and a piece of tissue paper.

Tell the children to overlap 1'' the tissue paper at the top edge of the tagboard. Paste this down.

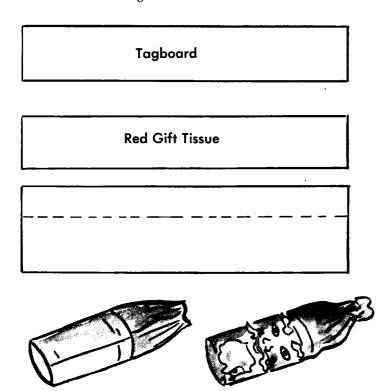
The features are drawn on the Santa Claus with crayon.

Roll up and staple as shown below.

The children add and paste the cotton brows, mustache, and beard if desired.

The tissue paper is brought together at the top with a cotton pom-pom added.

Draw features on tagboard while flat.







## Pencil Holder from a Can

#### **Materials**

Baby food can Pencils
Wrapping paper or wallpaper Crayons
Paste Scissors

Corrugated paper

#### **Procedure**

The corrugated paper is cut to just fit the inside of the baby food can.

The children place it inside the cans.

Mature pupils can lay the can on the wallpaper to cut the piece for the outside of the can. For less mature pupils have the proper size ready for them.

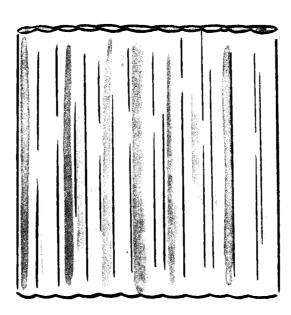
The wallpaper or wrapping paper is then pasted to the can. If it does not have a design on it, the children put one on the paper.

This makes an excellent pencil holder. The corrugated paper will spread apart enough to hold the pencils in place.

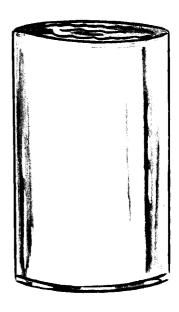
Baby food can

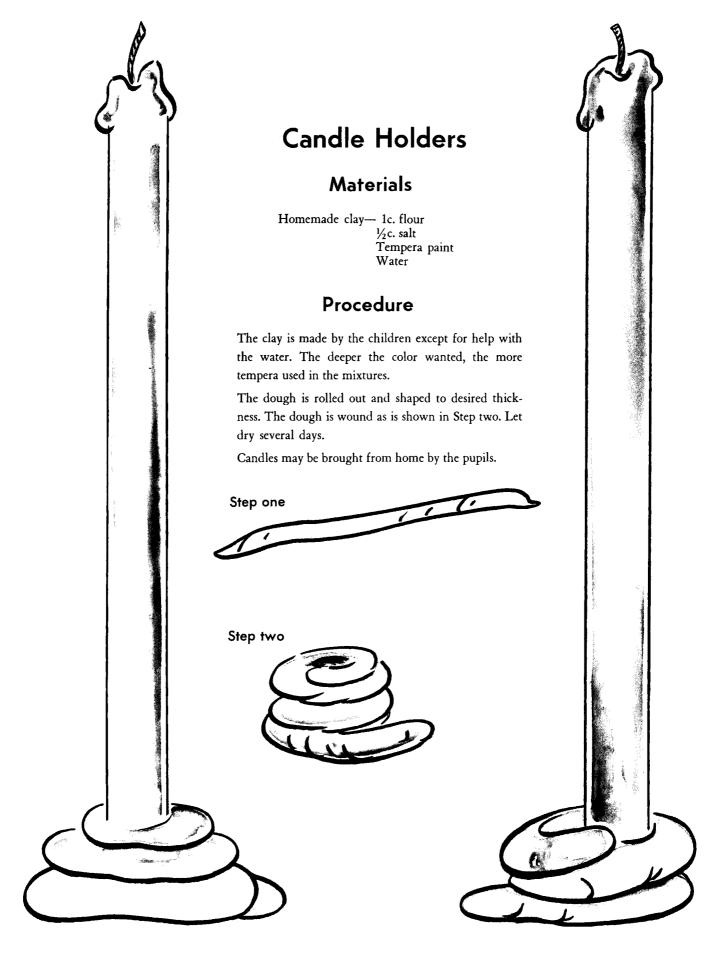


Corrugated paper

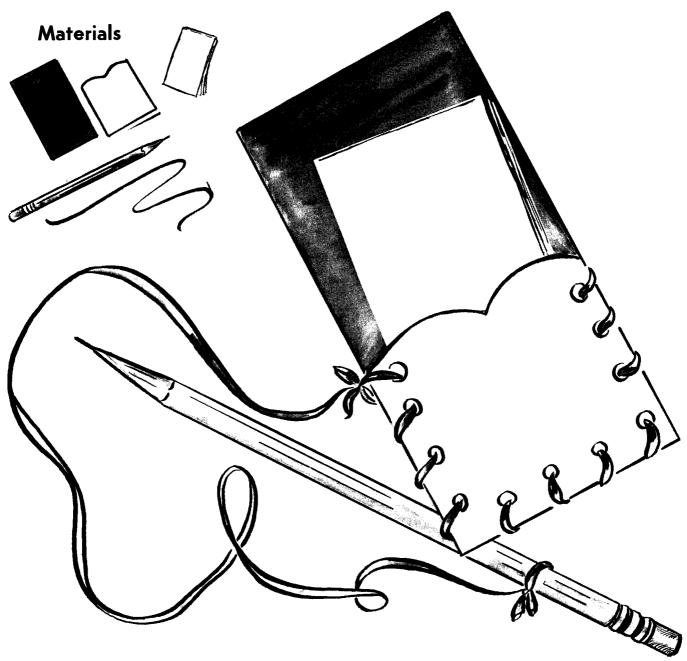


Insert cardboard





## Note Pad-Holder



## **Materials**

Colored construction paper

Yarn

Paper punch

Pencil

## **Procedure**

Any size note pad can be made. Just remember to cover half

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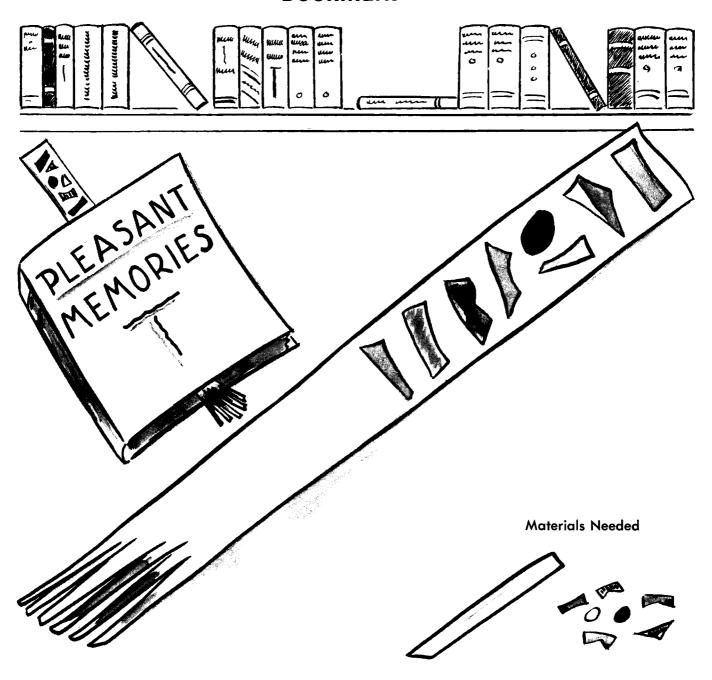
Let the children cut the edging they wish to make.

Holes are punched along the papers as shown in the picture.

Yarn is used in overlapping the edges.

Tie a pencil to the end of the long piece of yarn when the overlapping is completed. Place pad of paper in holder before wrapping for gift.

## **Bookmark**



## **Materials**

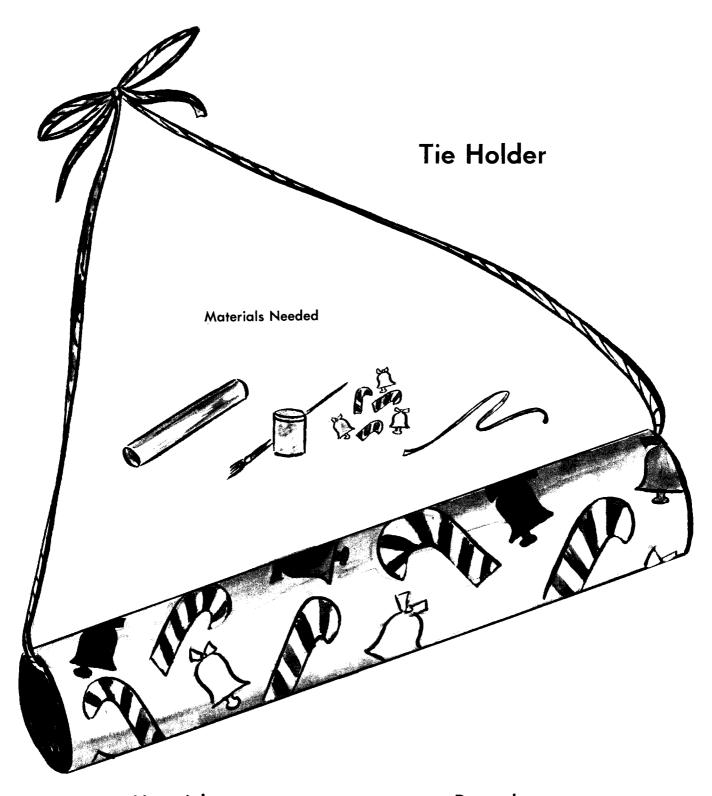
The teacher should have strips of 1x9" felt materials ready for pupil use. Each child is given one, plus scraps of felt of another color.

## **Procedure**

To get the tapered point at the end of the bookmark, ask the pupils to place the scissors at one of the corners, then cut up and over to the other side.

The end is fringed by cutting close together in straight lines several times.

The scraps of felt are cut into tiny shapes by the pupils. These are pasted to the top of the bookmark.



## **Materials**

Cardboard roll

Christmas stickers

Tempera paint

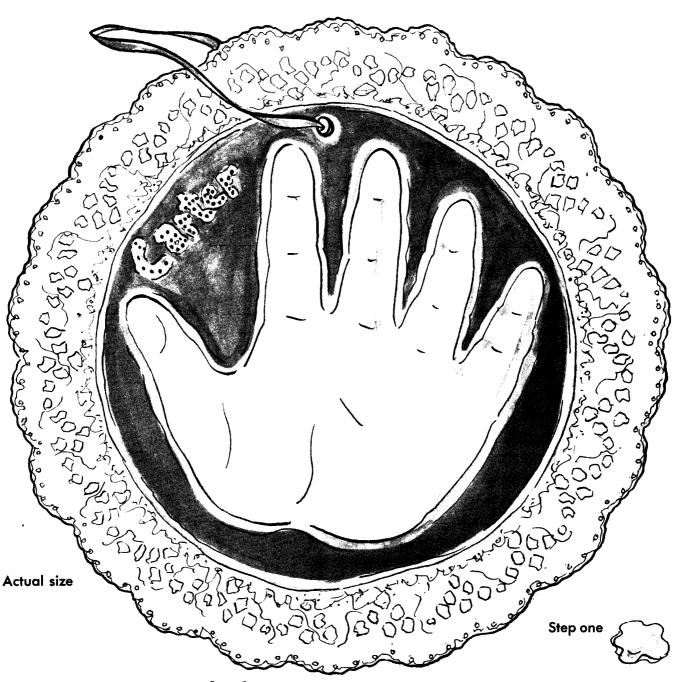
Yarn

## **Procedure**

The cardboard rolls are painted a Christmas color by the children. Stand the roll upright to dry. Stickers are put all around the roll. These can be

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from last year. Yarn is put through the roll, and tied in a bow at the end.



# Hand Plaque

## **Procedure**

**Materials** 

The children mix, knead, and roll out their own dough.

1 c. flour ½ c. salt

The dough will be dry like biscuit dough. Add more salt if necessary.

Water Tempera

The dough should be rolled out to about 1/2" thick. The teacher presses the hand of the child into the dough.

Doily

The hole is made with a pencil.

Paste Cologne (optional)

Yarn or ribbon

The name is printed by the child or teacher. Paste the plaque to the doily when dry. Add the

ribbon.

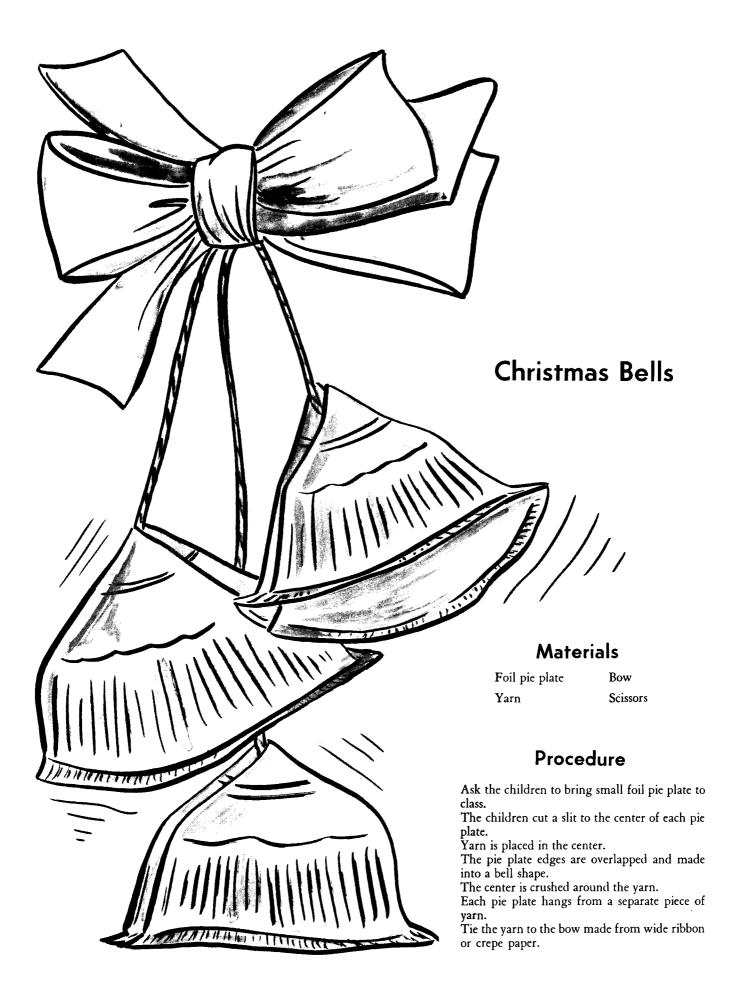


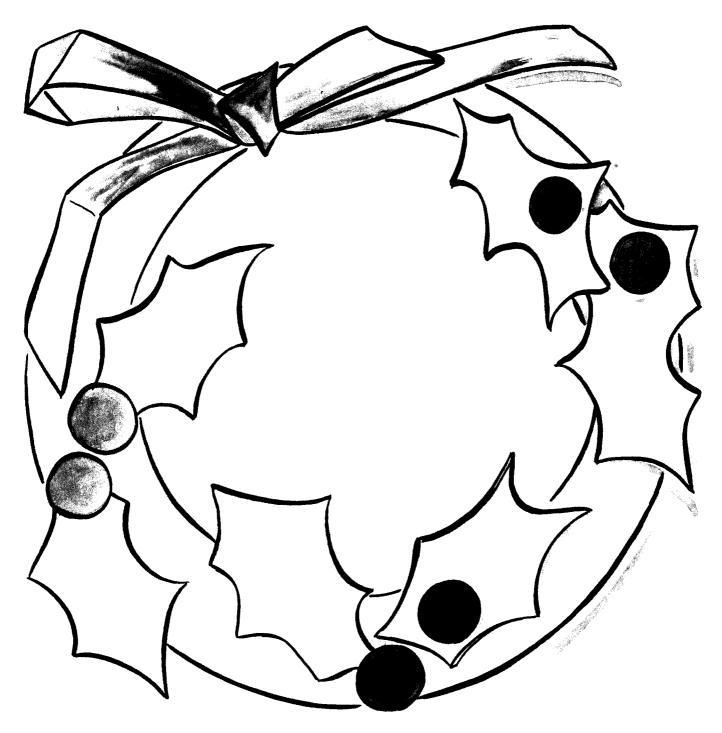
Step three & four











## Wreath

## **Materials**

9x12 green construction paper Scraps of red construction paper Box of bows or red tissue paper Cans to trace around for wreath Paper punch

Paste

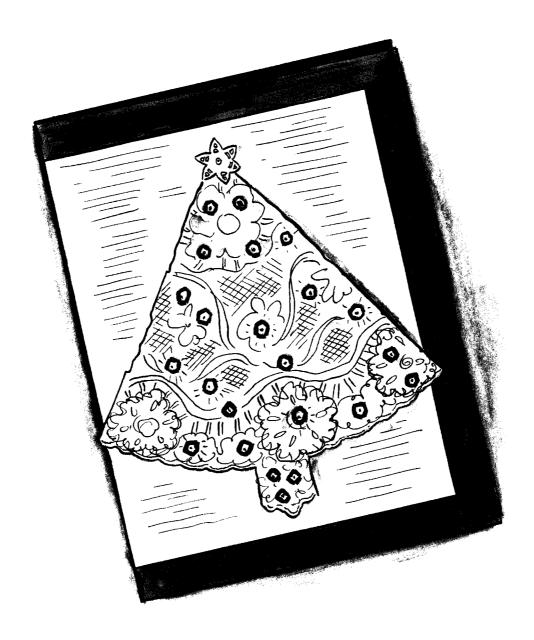
**Scissors** 

## **Procedure**

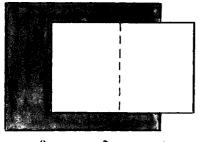
Several cans of the same size should be set about the room for children to trace around to make the outside circle of the wreath. Smaller cans available for the inner circle.

The children cut their own leaves, but suggest that holly leaves have points. Demonstrate.

The berries could be made before class with a large paper punch by one of the pupils. Bows are pasted on at the top.



# **Christmas Card**



# Materials

Green or red construction paper

Foil or silvery wrapping paper

One-half of a doily

Sequins

## **Procedure**

Each child is given half a sheet of 9x12 green or red construction paper, and a piece of silvery paper slightly smaller.

Paste together then fold in half.

Children cut the tree from the doily using the edge of the doily for the bottom of the tree. Paste the tree on the card.

Paste on sequins.

A hole may be punched for hanging purposes at the top of the tree.

# **Knitting Box**

## **Materials**

Crayons or tempera

Ice cream container

Yarn or string

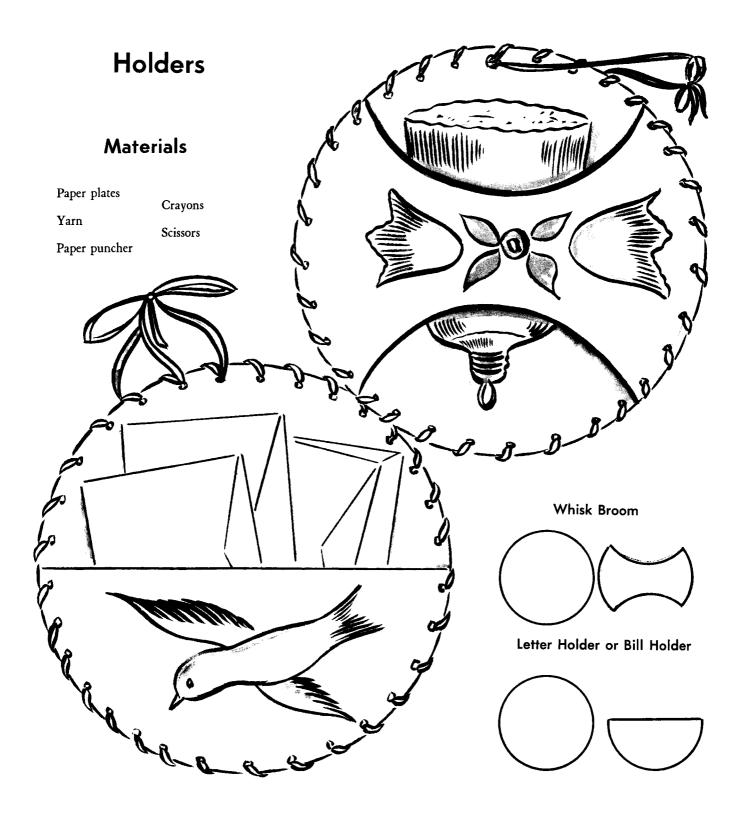
## **Procedure**

The children may draw pictures on the container with crayon or paint with tempera.

A hole is punched in the center of the cover and one on the side of the container. The yarn is knotted on the side after being pulled through the top hole.

This gift has many uses—sewing box, etc.





# **Procedure**

Let the children decide which holder they wish to make. Each child is given 2 plates or one and one-half as shown above. The top paper plate is cut. Any design may be drawn on the top plate with crayon.

The teacher will have to punch the holes holding the two plates together right sides together. Put yarn of desired length to go around plate in the first hole is punched at the bottom. The children sew the edges together, tie a bow at the top.



# **Dimensional Christmas Tree**

### **Materials**

9 x 12 green construction paper

Staples

Scissors

Crayon

# **Procedure**

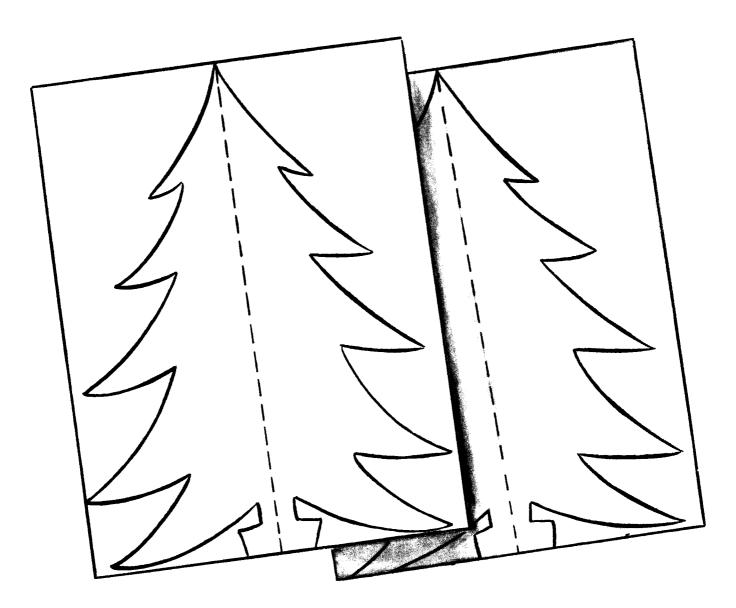
Two sheets of green construction paper are given to each child. Ask the children to fold each paper in half lengthwise.

Suggest they draw half a Christmas tree with the point starting at the top of the fold. Cut out.

Lay the second sheet of paper under the drawing. Cut out the tree holding

both sheets together or trace the one tree.

Fold and staple the tree together along the fold lines. The various shades of green paper used will give the tree depth.



# Pencil Holder



The clay should be prepared by the teacher before class begins.

Leaves are cut from the oilcloth scraps.

Dried berries are given to each child.

A handful of clay is needed by everyone.

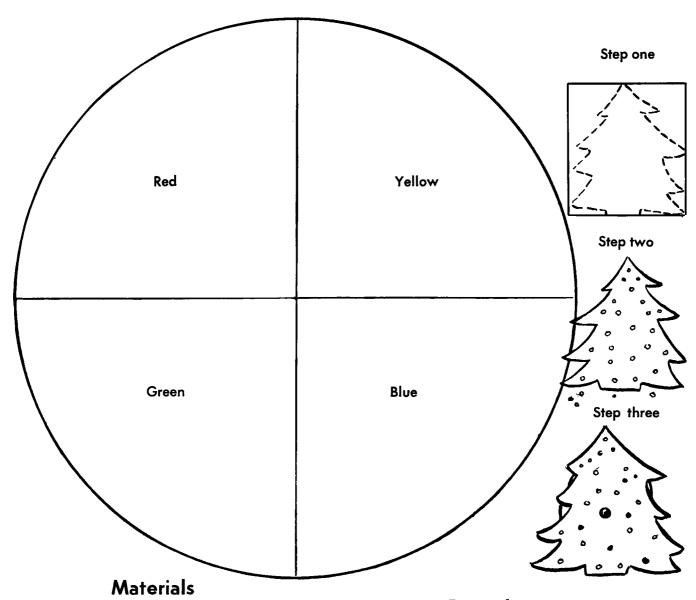
This is shaped as desired. Three or four pencil holes are made in the clay with a pencil while it is still wet.

The leaves and berries are stuck in one wet hole.

It is placed on newspaper to dry.

When the clay is dry, it is painted with tempera paint.

# Reflectors-Christmas Tree



Tagboard

Colored construction paper

9x12 green construction paper

Brad

Paste

Scissors

Paper puncher

A circle is cut from tagboard for each child by the teacher.

The pie shaped pieces of red, yellow, green, and blue should be ready for pupil use also.

### **Procedure**

Four colors are pasted on each wheel by the pupil.

Each child draws a Christmas tree on the 9x12" construction paper. It has to be large enough to cover the tagboard wheel. This is cut out.

The paper puncher is used to make many holes in the tree as shown in Step two.

When the colored wheel is ready and the tree punched with holes, the wheel is placed behind the tree.

A brad is put in the middle.

The wheel is turned to produce effective colored lights for the tree.



# Framed Snow Picture

### **Materials**

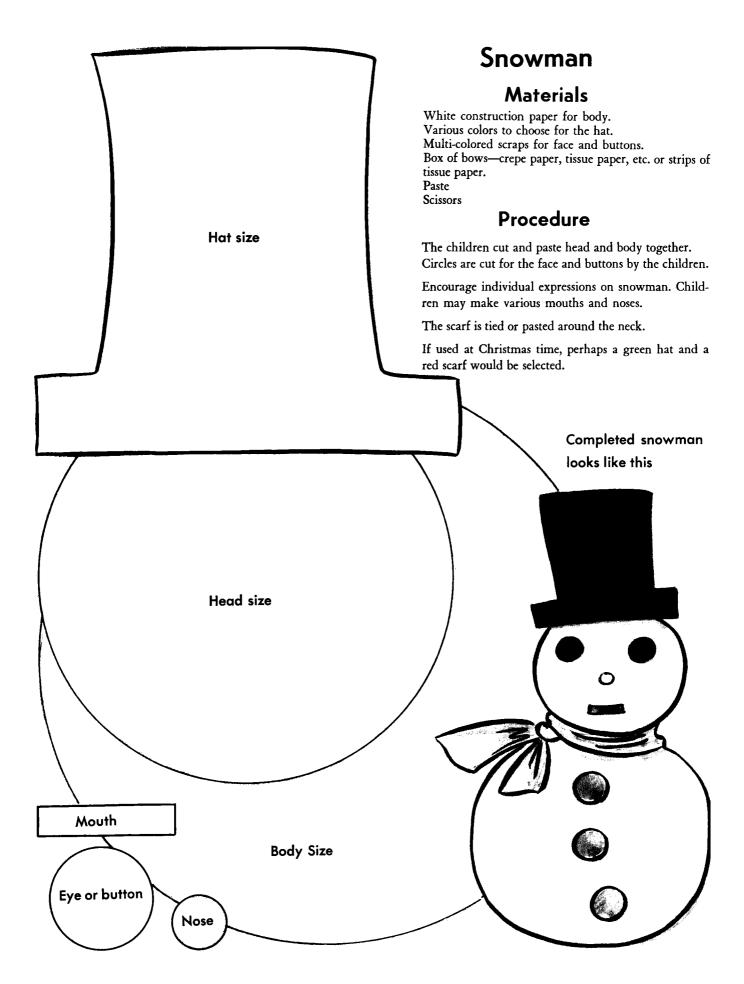
Green fruit container Old Christmas cards Cotton Paste Yarn

# **Procedure**

Each child selects a picture from an old Christmas card. This is pasted to the inside of the fruit container.

Cotton is pasted on the lower half of the container to give the effect of snow.

Punch hole at the top. Pull yarn through the hole and tie.



# **Mittens**

# **Materials**

9x12" construction paper Yarn Crayons Scissors

# **Procedure**

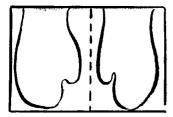
The 9x12" paper is folded in half.

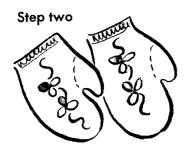
A hole is made near the top of each, to tie the yarn.

Tell the children to trace the shape of each hand on the paper. This will make a pair of mittens.

The mittens are cut out. The same design is colored on each mitten.

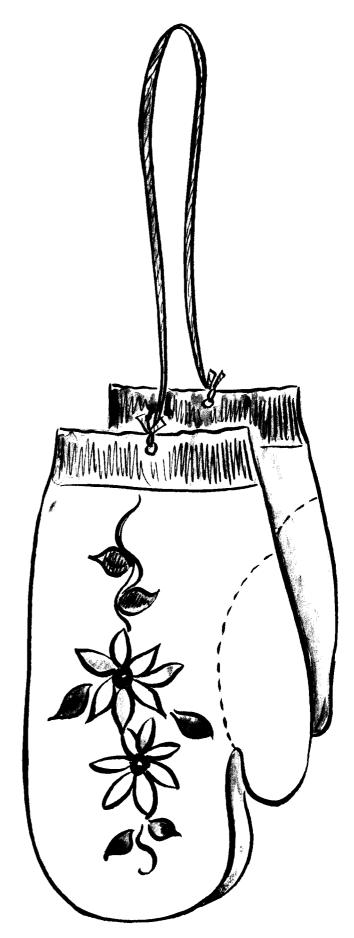
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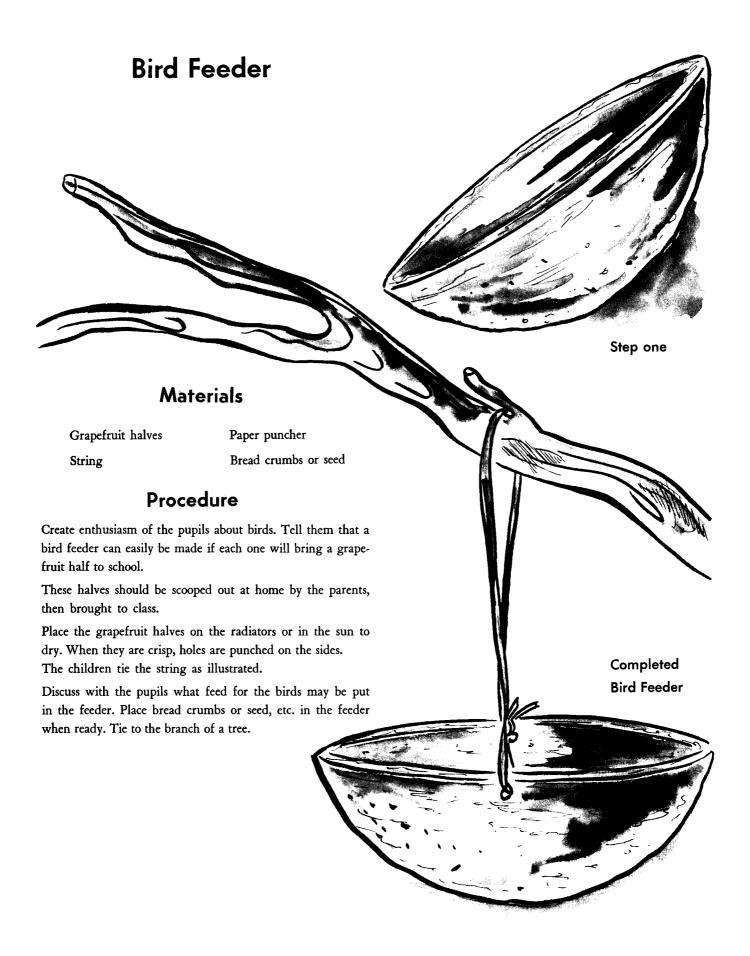




Step three









2x22" headband

# **Materials**

White construction paper or typing paper

Black or grey crayon

**Scissors** 

Paste

## **Procedure**

The horns can be cut from folding a piece of 6" white construction paper in half or cut separately. Instruct children to cut points at the one end to form the horns.

The points turn in opposite directions.

Horizontal lines are drawn in on the horns.

The horns may be outlined with crayon for better effect. The band is pasted together, and the horns pasted on the front of the headband.

# Snowman Calendar

#### **Materials**

White construction paper.

Colored construction pieces.

Crayons

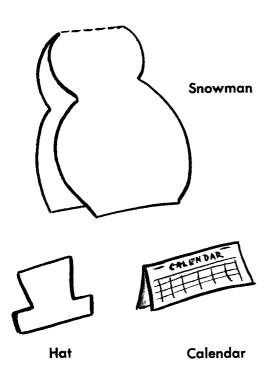
Paste

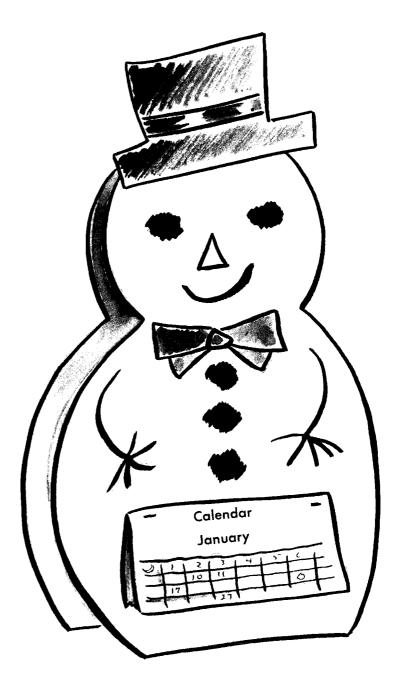
Scissors

Calendar

Box of bows

Staples





#### **Procedure**

The calendars should be purchased or ordered by the teacher in preparation for this activity.

9x12" white construction paper is used to make the snowman unless the size of the calendar warrants a larger piece of paper.

The white construction paper is folded in half the long way. Show the children how to draw the outline of a snowman, leaving the fold at the top of his head.

A calendar is stapled to each snowman.

Encourage the children to draw their snowman with various expressions.

A hat is made from the pieces of colored construction paper in any shape.

A bow may be selected from the box and pasted to the snowman. They may prefer to make a scarf from construction or crepe paper. A bow or scarf may be drawn on with crayon too.



Abraham Lincoln



George Washington

# **Pilgrim Bonnet**

### **Procedure**

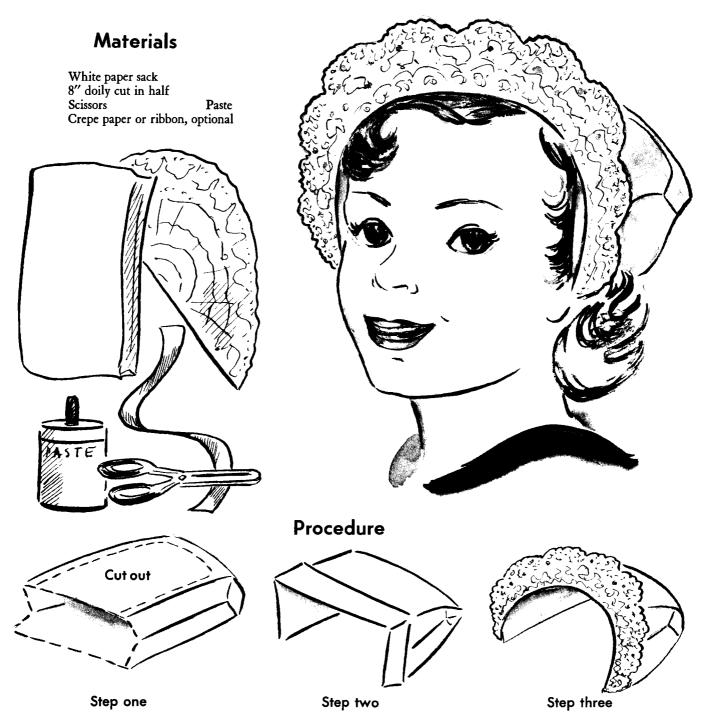
During November this Pilgrim bonnet would be appropriate Hold the sack along the side of the head to determine length. for the children to make.

A white paper sack is given to each child wishing to make one. Show the children that the sack is too long and must be cut

to fit the head.

Follow the directions given below.

If desired, crepe paper or ribbon ties may be stapled to the bonnet.

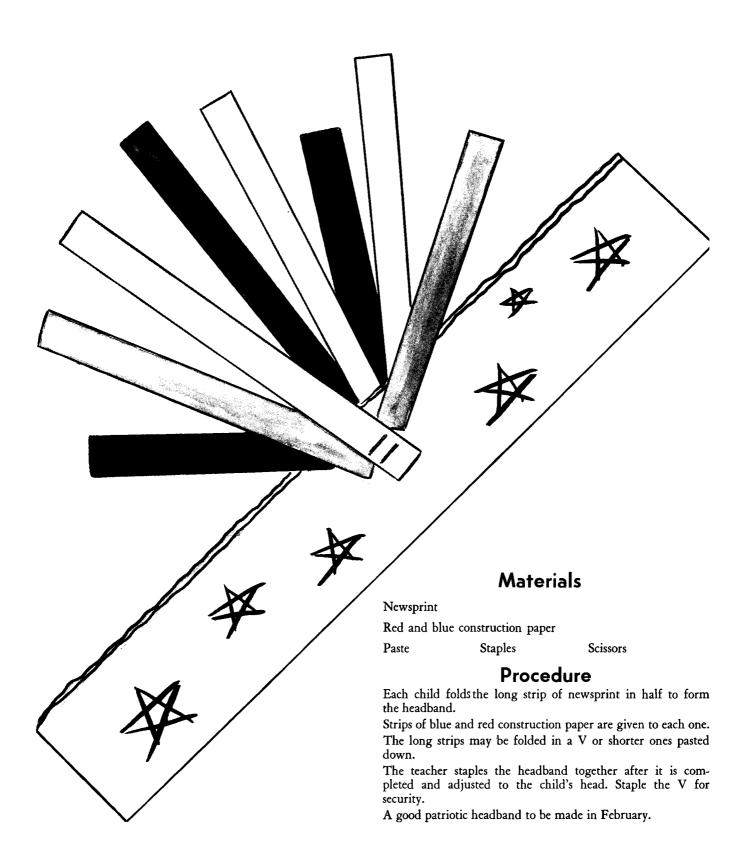


Show the children how to cut out the sack along lines indicated.

Turn the sack upside down. Fold back the front edge.

Paste the doily half along the front edge as desired.

# **Patriotic Hat**



# General's Hat

## **Materials**

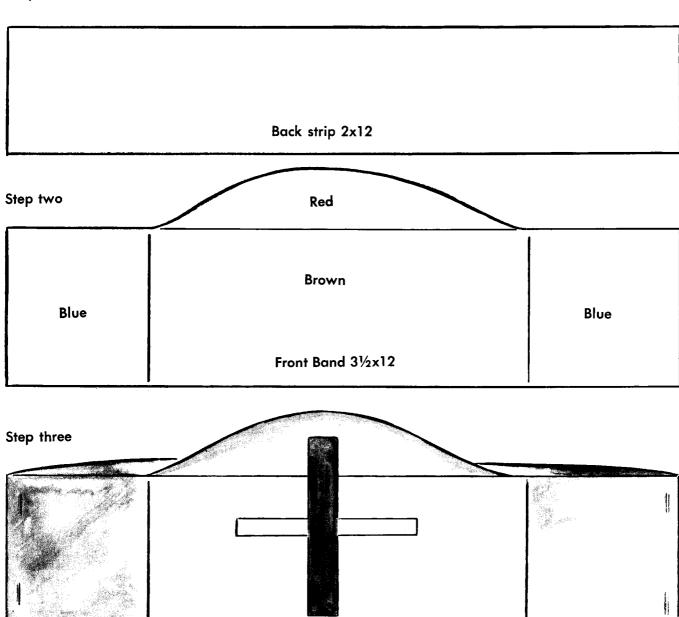
#### White construction paper Crayons — blue, brown and red Strips of blue and red construction paper Staples Paste Scissors

# Procedure

The children color the sections of the front band. Suggest they color the long way rather than up and down. The paper strips are cut out and pasted in front of the band.

The teacher staples the ends together.

#### Step one



# Soldier Hat

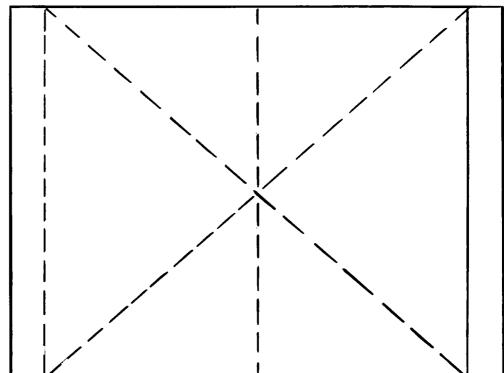
#### **Materials**

Newsprint 12x18"

Staples

#### **Procedure**

Give each child a sheet of newsprint paper. Tell them to listen carefully to each step and do it right with the teacher. A hat is going to be made from just folding paper.



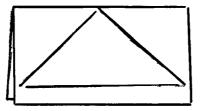
#### Step one

Fold the paper in half. Fold over the cut edges about 2" wide.

Make the triangles by folding from the center of the top fold to the corners of the folded margin.

#### Step two

The folds made thus far should look like this diagram.



#### Step three

Turn down the triangles as shown. Crease the edges.



#### Step Four

Turn up the 2" margin to form the brim of the hat.

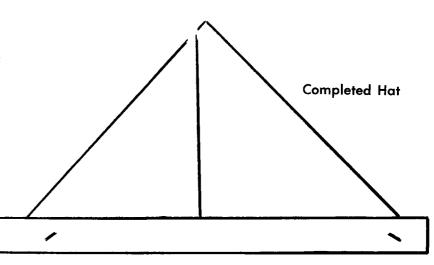
Staple the brim to the rest of the hat.

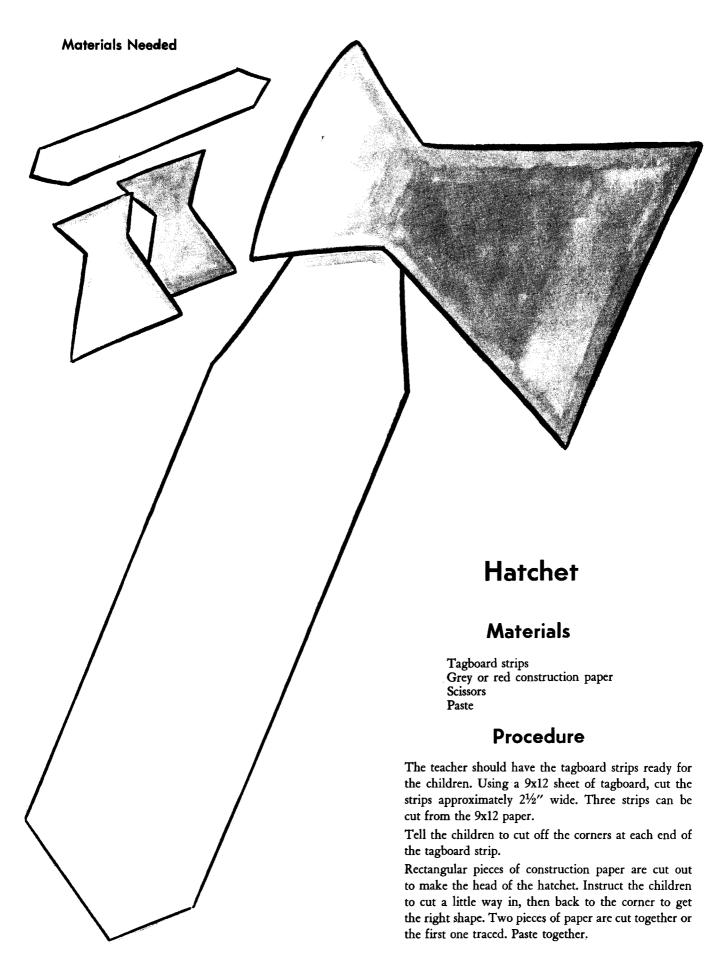
Children will enjoy wearing these hats.

A good month to make use of the hats would

be in November.

Designs may be made on them if desired.





# **Valentines** (Animal)

#### **Procedure**

Red, white, grey, black construction paper Paste Scissors

Cut a wide door in a piece of square construction paper to form the elephant's body. Three hearts are cut out for the head. A pie-shaped piece is cut out of each circle for the eye. The trunk is made by rolling one end of a strip of construction paper.

### **Materials**







For the children who wish to make this or other heart funnies, suggest they cut hearts of various sizes. Some hearts may be cut out beforehand for the immature children.

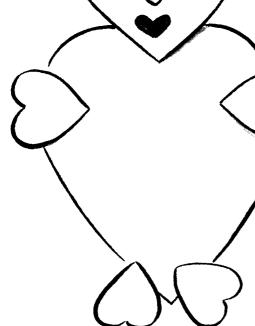
Paste

Let each child paste the hearts according to his or her imagination.



Scissors





# **Valentines**

### **Materials**

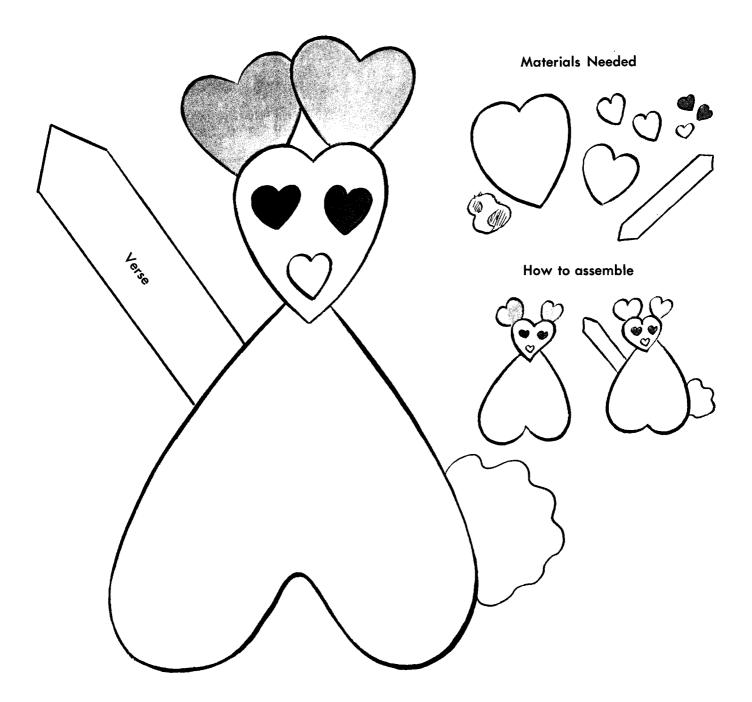
Red and white construction paper Cotton

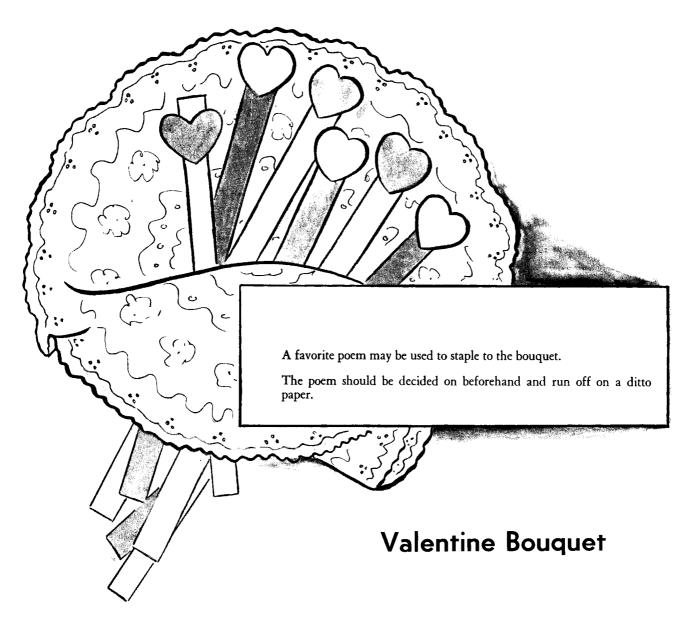
Copies of a bunny poem or fingerplay Paste Scissors

## **Procedure**

Each child is given construction paper to make hearts. Suggest they cut a large heart for the body of the bunny. Turn it upsidedown.

A smaller heart is added for the face and pasted to the body. Smaller hearts are pasted to the head to form the ears and face. The corners at one end of the poem may be cut off. Paste the poem and cotton tail on the bunny.





### **Procedure**

given a doily, paper strips, paste, and a scissors.

records are cur from scraps of construction paper. Assorted colors are seed to make the heart flowers. No specific number need be made.

A slit is cut in the middle of the doily.

When the flowers are pasted on the stems made from construction strips, the flowers are then pulled through the slit to desired length.

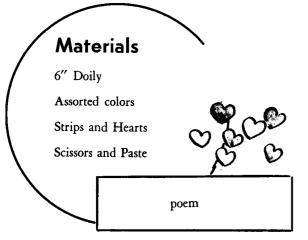
A favorite poem may be used to staple to the bouquet.

The poem should be decided on beforehand and run off on a ditto paper.

Staple the poem with some of the flower stems to help hold it in place.

Fluff the doily around the flowers.

This makes a delightful bouquet!



# Valentine Holder

# **Materials**

White paper bag Crayons Scissors Paste Construction paper

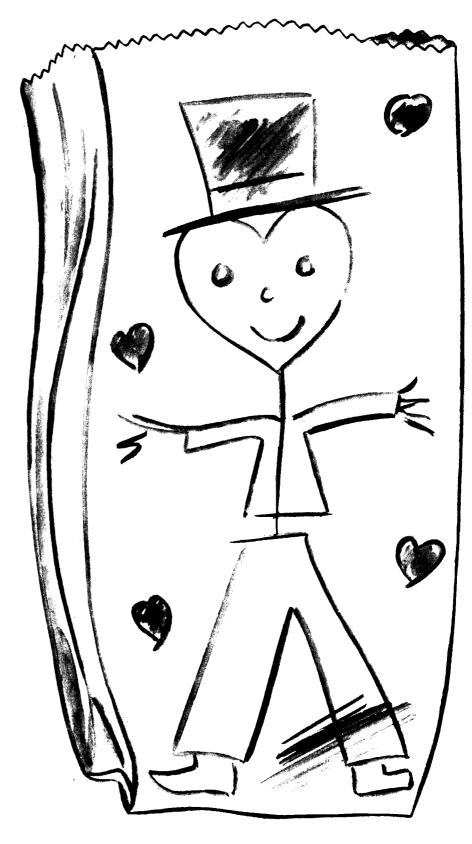
# **Procedure**

A white paper bag is placed on each desk.

Explain to the children that these are to be used for the valentines they receive from others.

A picture may be drawn in crayon or scraps of construction paper may be used. Valentines may decorate the bag. Discuss various possibilities for a picture, but let them use their own imaginations.

A Valentine animal or man may be suggested.



# Valentine Tree

#### Step one

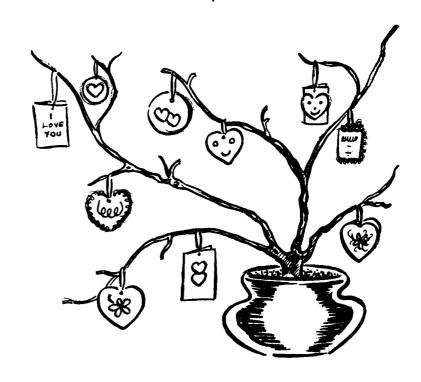
### **Materials**

Construction paper Scrap box Ribbon or yarn Branch fixed in a bowl Paste **Scissors** 

The teacher should have the branch ready before the pupils begin work. A white painted branch is attractive.

Small pieces of white, red or grey construction paper should be available to pupils. Scraps of various materials may be used on the

valentines.



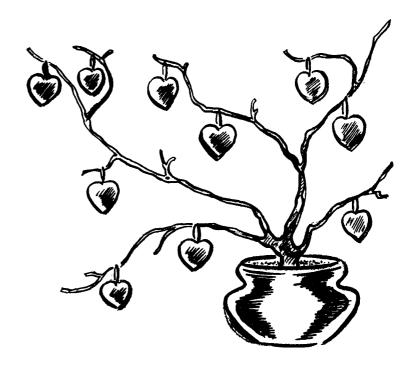
#### **Procedure**

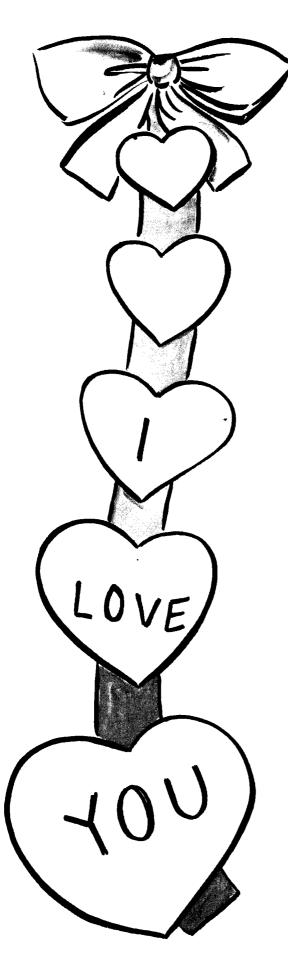
Suggest to the pupils to make a lovely valentine to place on the Valentine tree. They may make it any way they wish using any of the materials available to them.

Arouse the imaginations by injecting the possibility of something sweet replacing the valentine they place on the tree on Valentine's Day.

Each paper valentine is hung on the tree in a special place by each child. Surprise them on Valentine's Day by replacing the paper valentine with a candy valentine.







# **Valentines**

## **Materials**



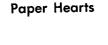
Paper Strip

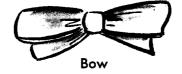












## **Procedure**

A long strip of crepe paper or ribbon is given to each child. Construction paper should be passed out to make hearts. A box of bows ready for use.

Paste and scissors on each desk or table.

Children cut out hearts of five different sizes—small, medium, and large to be placed eventually on the ribbon. Suggest the smaller ones be placed near the top of the ribbon.

After the child arranges the number of hearts on the ribbon as desired, the hearts are to be pasted to the ribbon.

A bow is selected by the pupil to paste or staple at the top. Some pupils may want the teacher to print an "I Love You" for them on the hearts.

# Kite

### **Materials**

9x12" construction paper Strips of colored construction paper Paste Scissors Crayons

# **Procedure**

Let the children select the color of paper they want for a kite. Each child should have a piece of 9x12" construction paper.

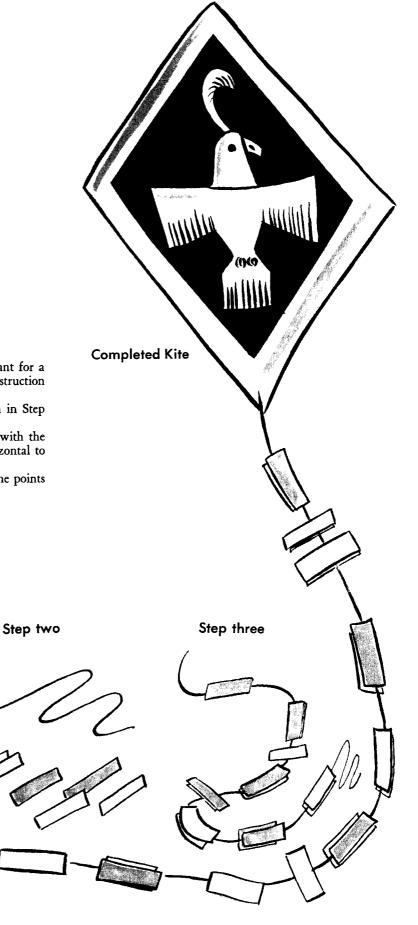
Direct the pupils to cut off the corners as shown in Step

One to get a kite diamond shape. Strips of paper are cut the same size and pasted with the kite string in between. The strips are placed horizontal to the string.

After the kite tail is finished, it is tied to one of the points of the kite.

A design may be drawn on the kite.

Step one



# Clown

## **Materials**

Blue and yellow construction paper Circle pattern

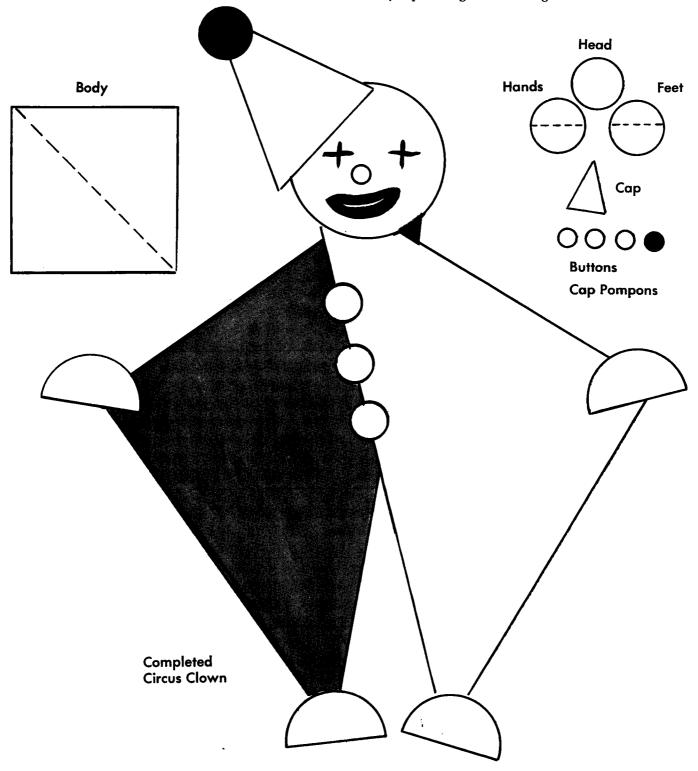
Paste

Scissors

Scraps of construction paper (red)

## **Procedure**

Teacher cuts 8x8" blue and yellow paper as shown. The children cut circles. The hands and feet circles are folded in half, then cut.
The body is pasted together at an angle.







#### **Procedure**

Groups of children work together to make six to eight animals.

Each group has to decide which animal they wish to make. Some children will cut out parts of the animal while others paint it.

Certain parts of the animal may be pasted to the block separately—for example, the elephant's ears.

The giraffe's neck should be wide enough to cover one side of the floor block when taped to it.

Yarn, ribbon, string, etc., may be used as reins.

A crepe paper circle is made on the floor. The floor blocks are placed in position around the ring. Several blocks are put together to make the body. One block may be placed upon another to make a neck.

The heads are then taped to the blocks.

A ticket taker, ring master, and other tasks are assigned several children. The others mount an animal.

The teacher then plays a record while the children pretend to ride an animal. When the record ends, they dismount and go to another animal.



# Changeable Clown

## **Materials**

Large construction paper or brown wrapping paper for the body of the clown

Scrap box

Crayons

Scissors

Pins

Small pieces of colored construction paper

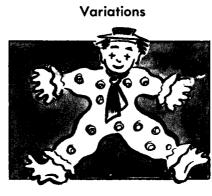
## **Procedure**

A large clown is made for the bulletin board. Perhaps the teacher will make the first one.

From then on, it becomes the responsibility of the children to change head, hands and feet, leaving the body the same.

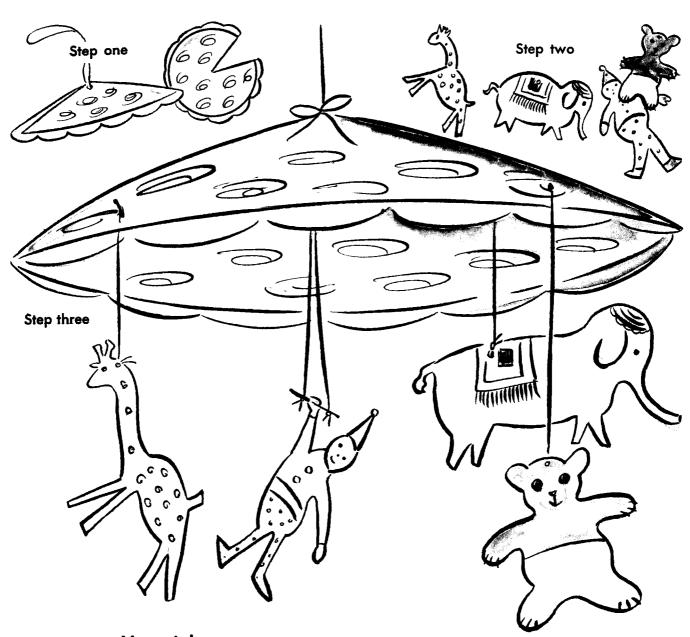
Explain to the children that each one of them is going to have the opportunity to change the clown for one whole day. It is usually decided during the morning meeting who will be in charge for the next day.







# Merry-go-Round Mobile



## **Materials**

Oak tag
Shelf paper
Yarn and string
White drawing paper
Toothpick for trapeze
Scissors
Paste

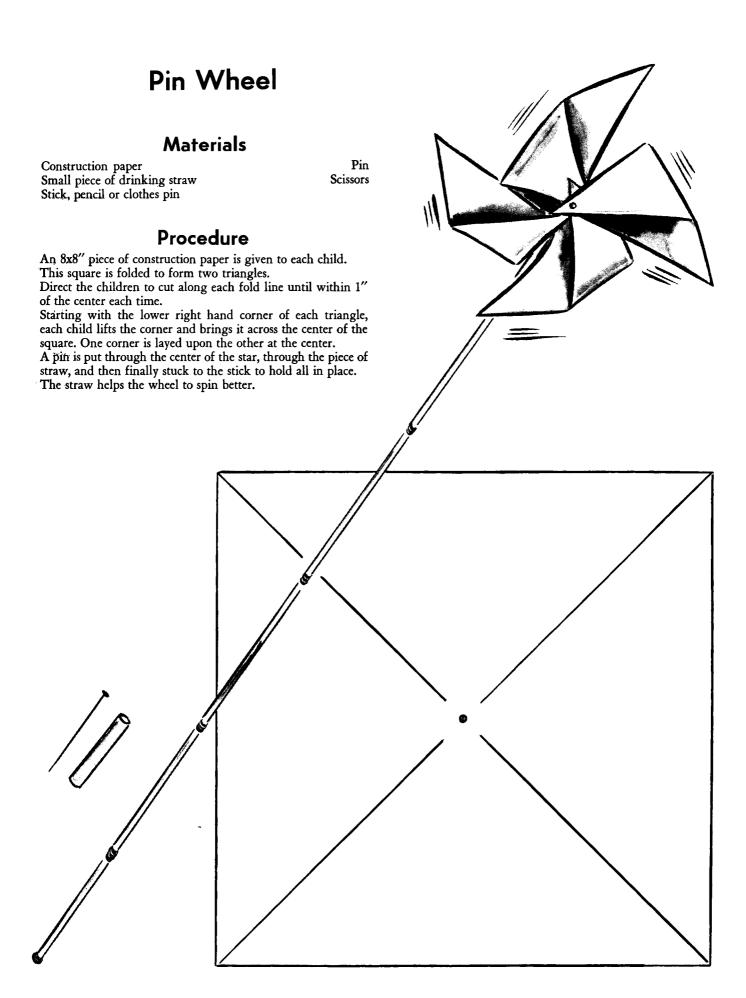
A 12" circle is traced on oak tag and a double thickness of shelf paper (by the teacher). A scalloped edge may be cut on the one piece of shelf paper. Cut out a pie-shaped piece. Overlap the edges, and staple. The shelf paper should be pasted to both sides of the oak tag circle.

## **Procedure**

Give each child a circus top. Ask him to draw circus animals or people, coloring the front and the back of the animal or clown.

Pupils hang these animals with string. A hole is made with a bobby pin in the circus top for each animal. The string is put through the hole and tied on the top.

This 12" circle can have many uses throughout the school year ... valentines, Christmas ornaments, etc.



# **Lion Costume**

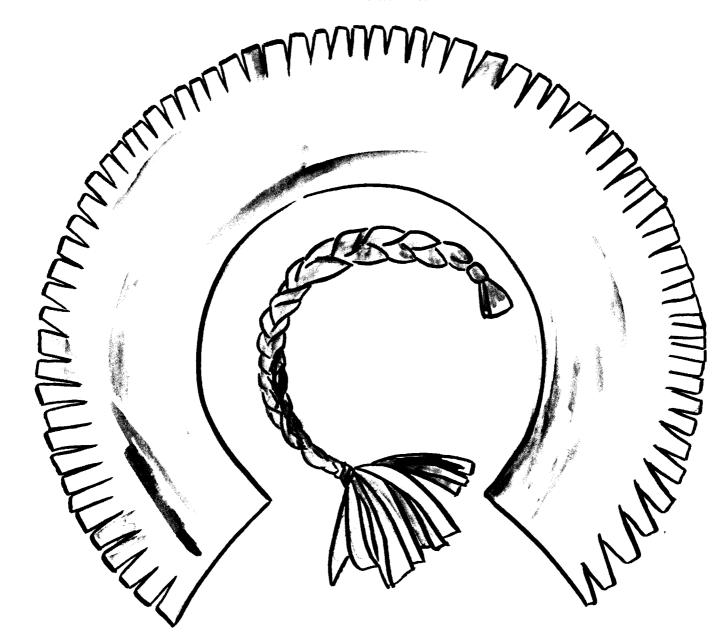
#### **Materials**

Scissors Nylon hose

Brown wrapping paper

The lion's mane and tail will have many uses during the year. The tail can be used for other animals too. Ask the children to bring old pairs of nylon hose from home

beforehand.



### **Procedure**

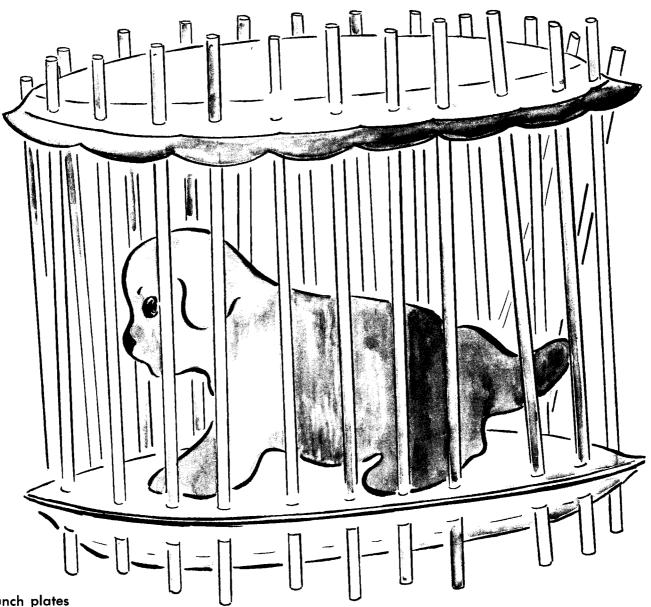
Instruct the children to place a sheet of brown wrapping paper under the waste paper basket to make the outside circle of the mane. Trace around the bottom of the basket. A smaller jar or can is used to make the inside circle.

Fringe the outside edge after cutting out the mane.

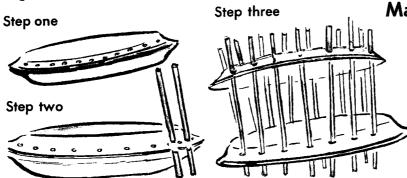
Three nylon hose are knotted together at the toe ends. Show the children how to braid the hose together. Cross the outside hose over the inside hose.

A knot is made near the end of the tail.

# Circus Animal Cage



Punch plates together as shown

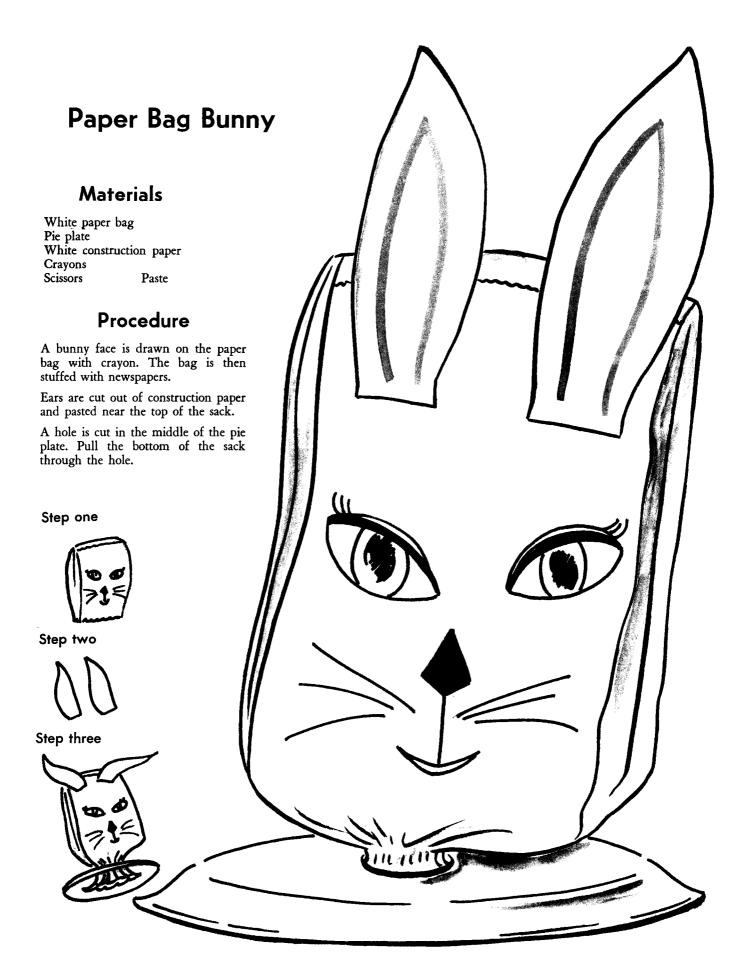


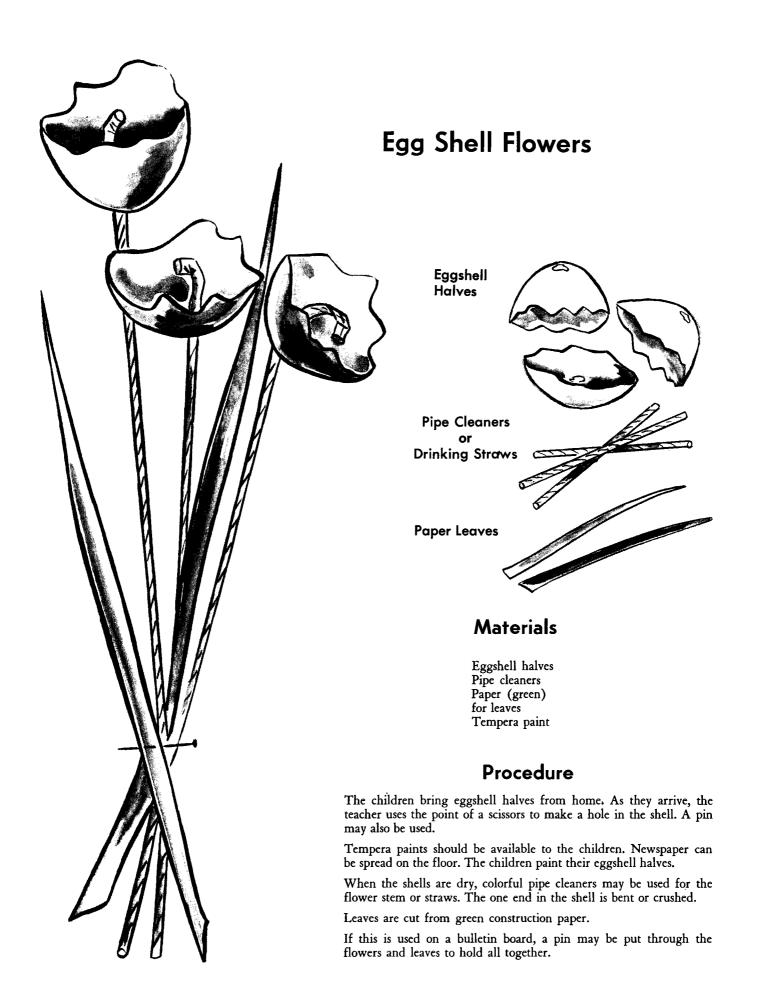
Materials Two pie plates Colorful straws

### **Procedure**

The two pie plates are together as the holes are being made around the rim of the pie plates. The holes can be made using a pencil, scissor point or paper punch.

Straws are put through the holes as shown in Step 2. Pull pie plates apart toward the ends of the straw to make the animal cage. Paper animals can be made and put in the cage.





# **Bunny Ears**

### **Materials**

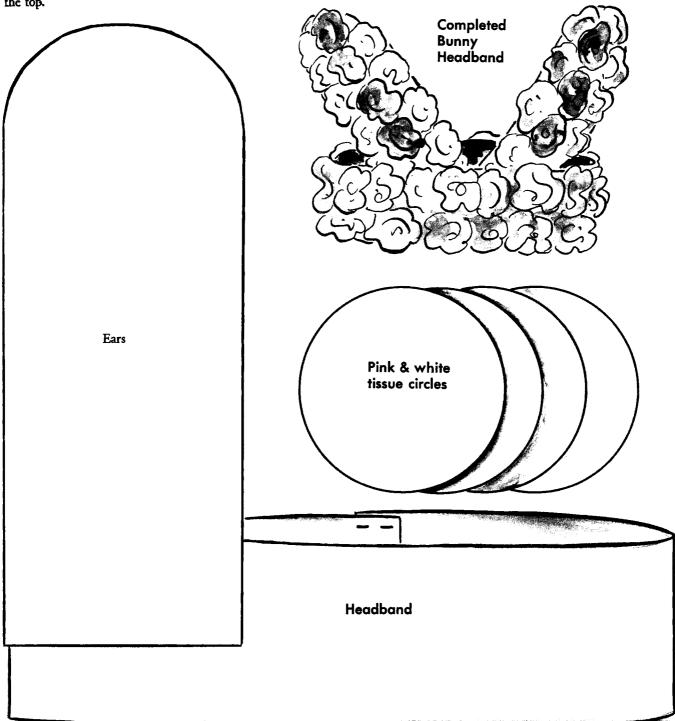
3x9 tagboard strips 2½x20 tagboard strip Pink & white tissue paper

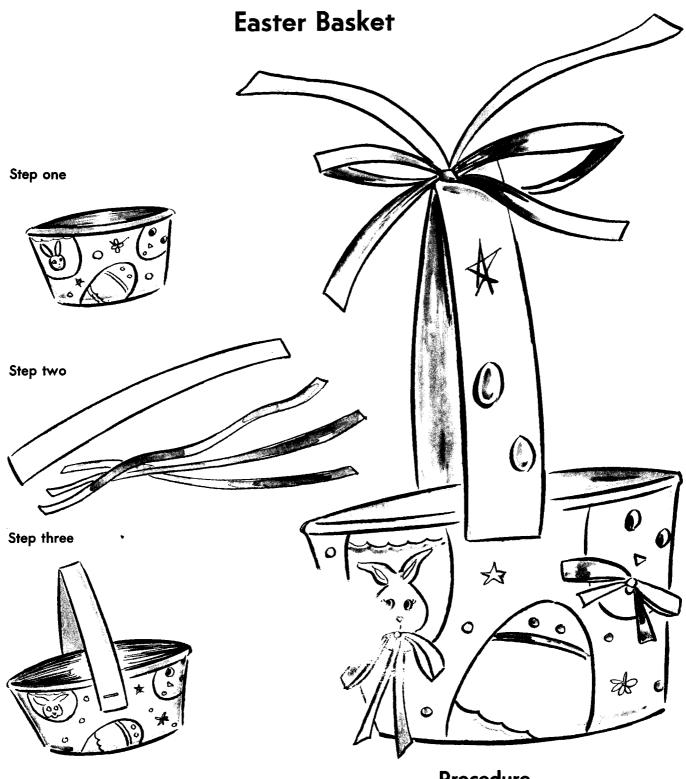
Circles Paste Staples

#### **Procedure**

Pass each child paper for the head band and ears. Suggest they round off the corners of the ears at the top. Try to have a box of pink and white circles ready for the children to use. For each circle the child puts paste in the middle of it, puts in on the ear or headband. Put circles close together, drawing the edges up for each one.

Ears are pasted on as child desires—flopping, standing straight, etc. Teacher adjusts headbands. Staple together. Also secure ears by a staple.





## **Materials**

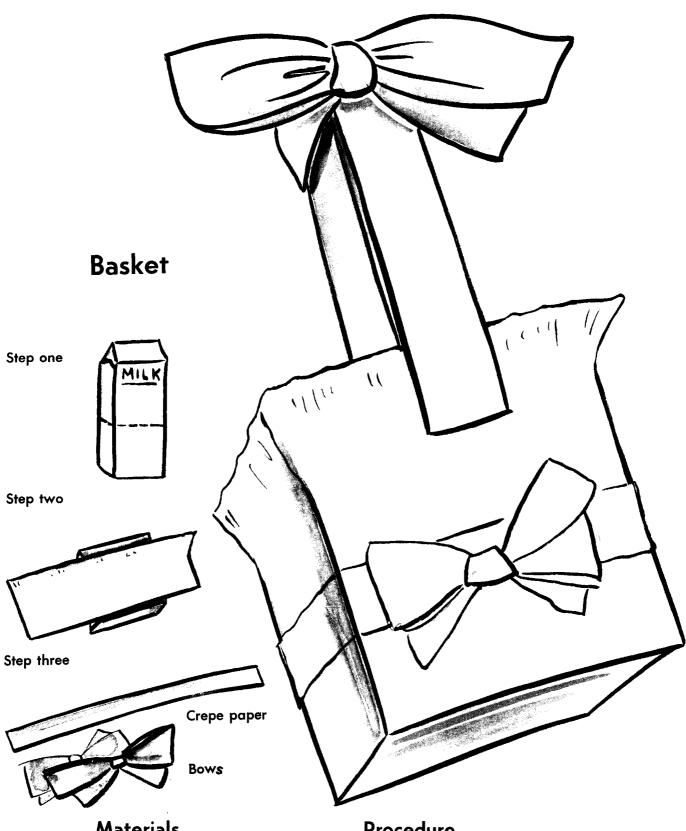
Cottage cheese carton Strips of construction paper Ribbon or yarn Staples Scissor Crayons

## Procedure

Ask the children to bring Easter designed cottage cheese containers put out by milk companies or a plain carton that the children may decorate.

Designs are drawn on the handle or cut from construction paper. This is stapled to the sides of the basket.

A large bow is pasted or tied at the top of the handle. Smaller bows may be pasted on the container itself.



### **Materials**

Half gallon milk carton Crepe paper Construction paper Box of bows Paste **Scissors** 

## Procedure

Ask the children to bring the milk carton from home. Cut each carton in half as indicated.

Wide strips of crepe paper are wrapped around the lower half, overlapping an inch to paste the crepe paper down. The children make the handle. The bow is selected.

## **Cotton Easter Chick**

### **Materials**

### **Procedure**

Cotton

Give each child a sheet of manila drawing paper and some

Dry tempera paint in sack

Tell the children a fluffy yellow chick can be made using a large and small cotton ball. Shape the cotton to form the body

and head.

Scraps of construction paper

Shake the cotton in the bag with dry yellow tempera to get

the chick colored.

Paste the cotton onto the manila paper.

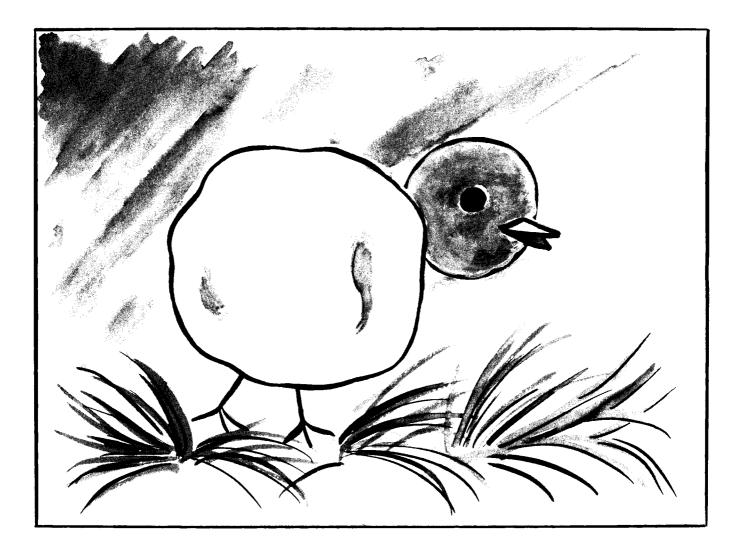
Manila paper

The eye, feet, and bill are cut from construction paper. A small

piece of folded paper can be used to make the bill.

Crayons

Background ideas may be added with crayon.



## Rabbit Basket

### **Materials**

White paper sack Crayons Paste Scissors Pipe cleaners or paper strips, optional

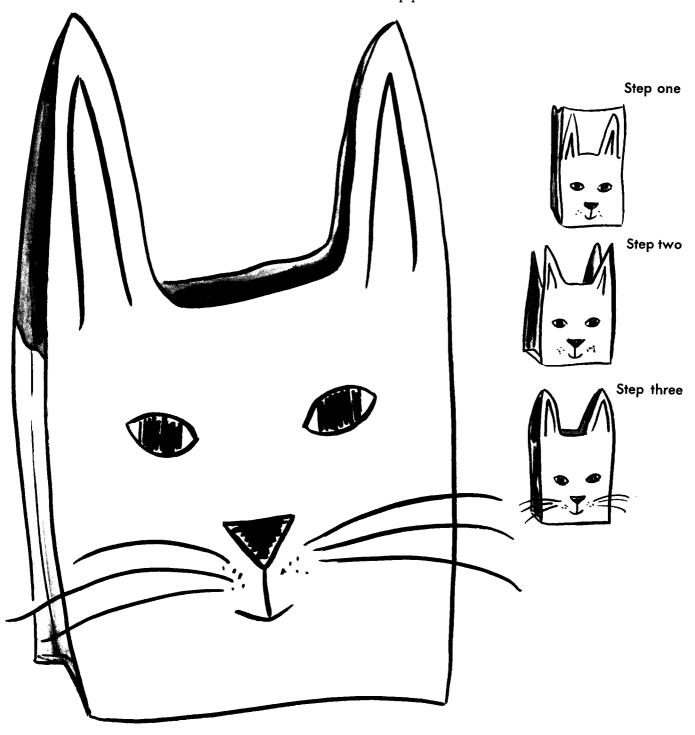
### **Procedure**

This bunny can be used to take home the Easter treats. The face of the bunny is drawn on the sack.

Ears are cut out as shown below. Note that both sides are cut out.

Paste the top of the ears together.

Whiskers may be added using crayon, pipe cleaners or strips of construction paper.



# Wallpaper Umbrella

### **Materials**

Wallpaper or shiny shelf paper 12x18 manila drawing paper Crayons Scissors

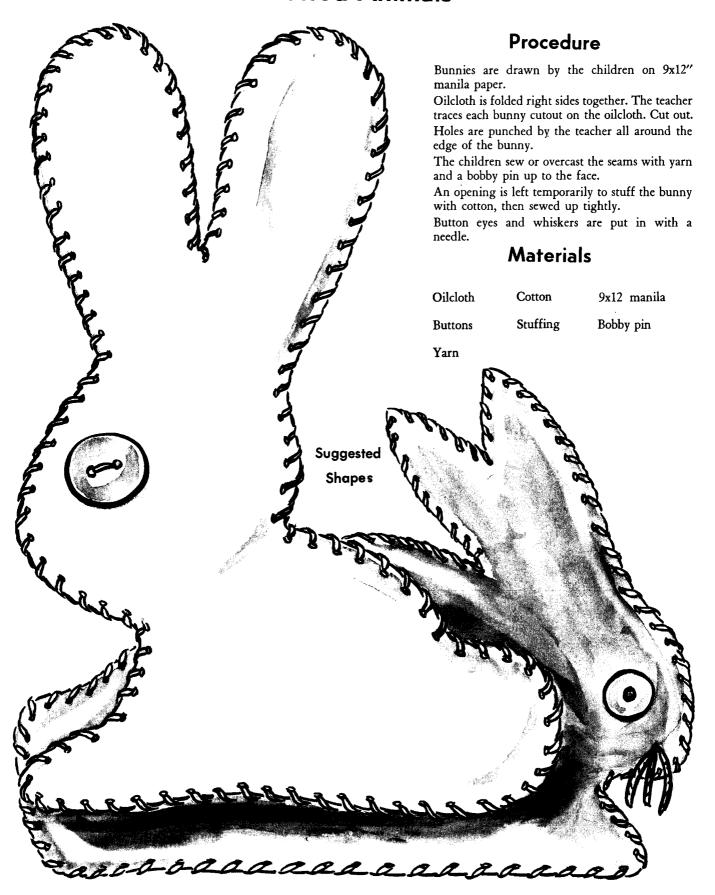
Paste

### **Procedure**

The teacher should obtain a free book of wallpaper samples to have ready for the children to use. Shelf paper would be suitable too. The purpose in this art lesson is to give the children a chance to work with a different medium.



## **Stuffed Animals**



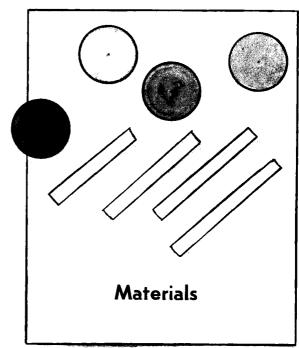
## Color Game

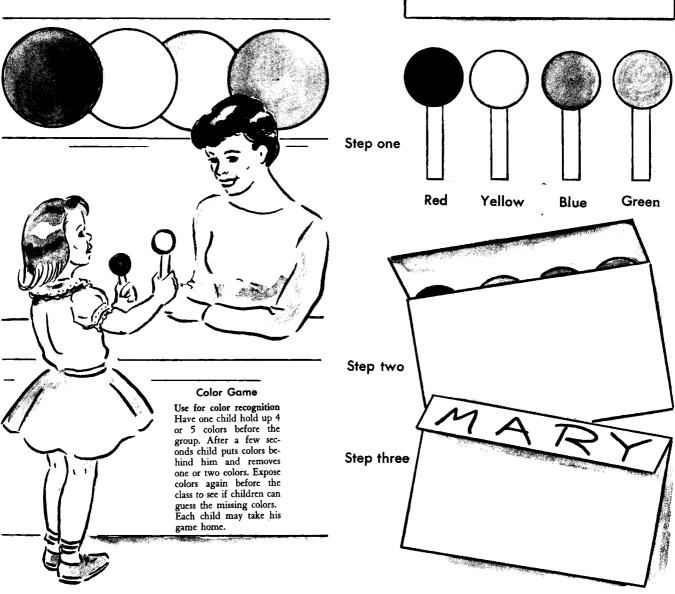
### **Materials**

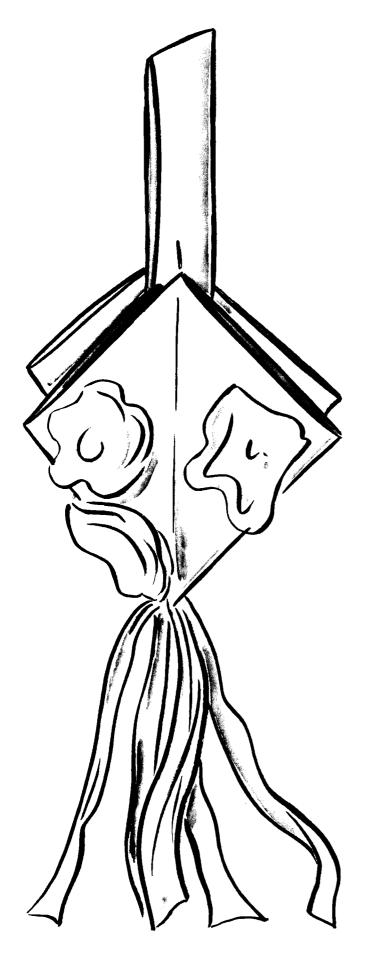
Paste Scissors Construction paper, different colors Oak tag sticks 3/4" x 4"

### **Procedure**

Have children select four colors of construction paper. Cut two circles from each color. Paste the two circles with a stick be tween each (to resemble a lollipop). These colors may be placed in the envelope and other colors added each day to make the game more interesting.







# May Basket

### **Materials**

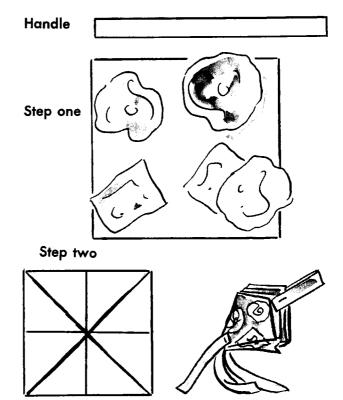
9x9" construction paper Colored tissue paper Staples Paste Scissor

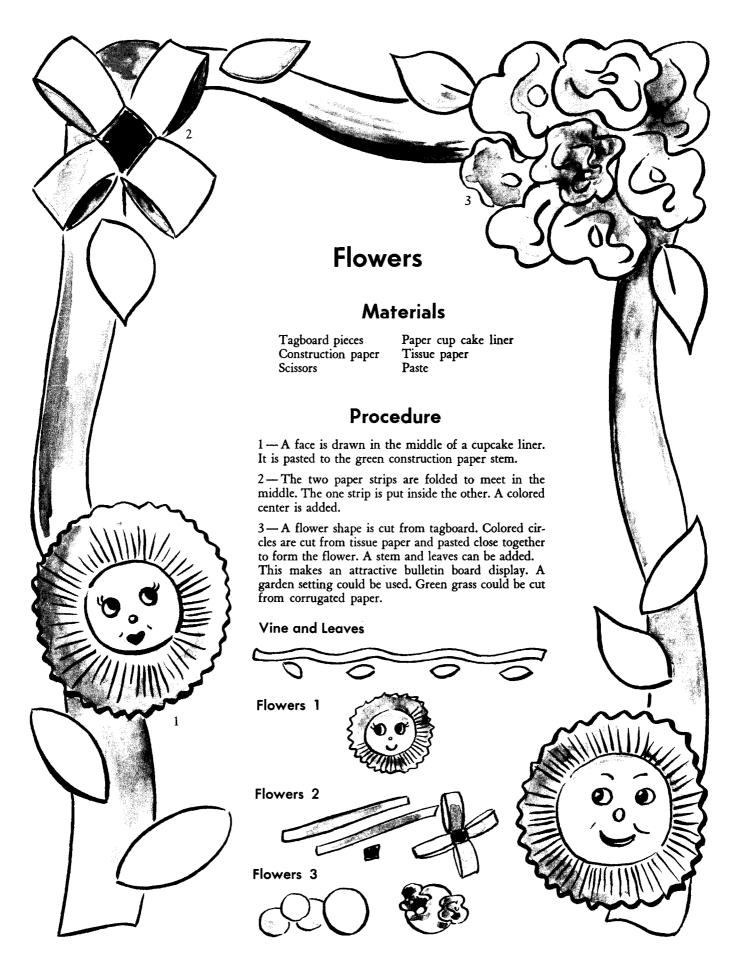
### **Procedure**

Step I — Various shapes are cut from tissue paper by the children. These will be pasted later to the outside of the basket. Colored strips or tissue paper are cut.

Step II — Direct the children to fold their papers as indicated below. Fold in half, quarters, then triangles.

Step III — Bring two opposite points together in the middle. Overlap enough to staple points and handle together. The basket may be decorated imaginatively by the pupils. Long strips of tissue paper may be pasted near the bottom.





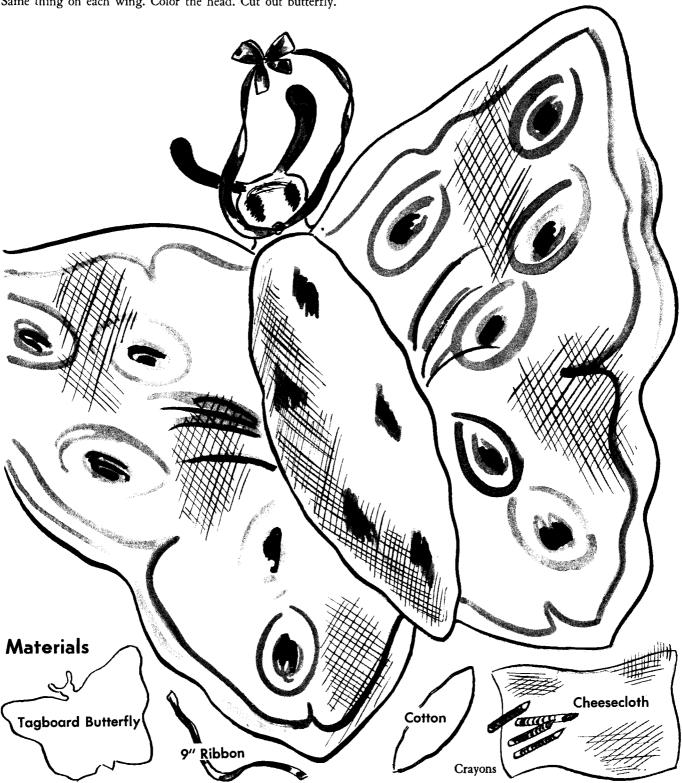
# **Butterfly Pin Cushions**

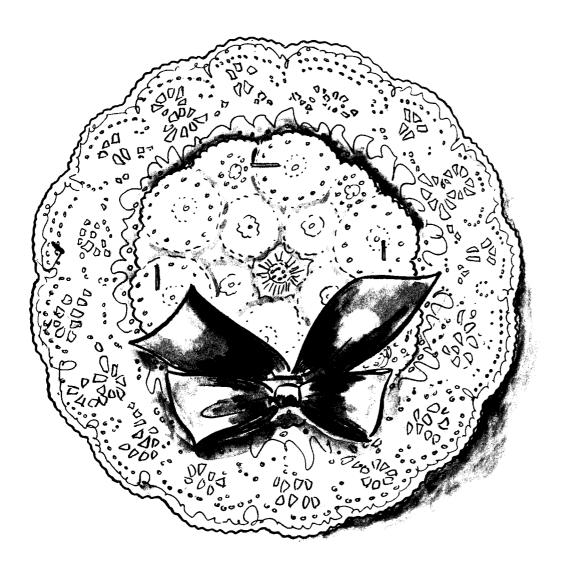
### **Procedure**

Stimulate children into thinking how pretty butterfly wings look. Each wing has the same colors and designs. Encourage them to draw with crayon designs on the tagboard butterfly. Same thing on each wing. Color the head. Cut out butterfly.

Each child is given a piece of cheesecloth to wrap around the cotton to form the body.

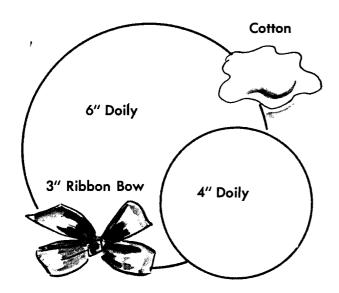
Paste should be put on the tagboard to hold the body. Put in the yarn or ribbon.





# Sachet

### **Materials**



### **Materials**

6" lace doily

4" lace doily

3" ribbon bow

Cotton

Staples or paste

Cologne or satchet powder

### **Procedure**

The teacher should have accessible before-hand a box of cotton balls and a box of bows.

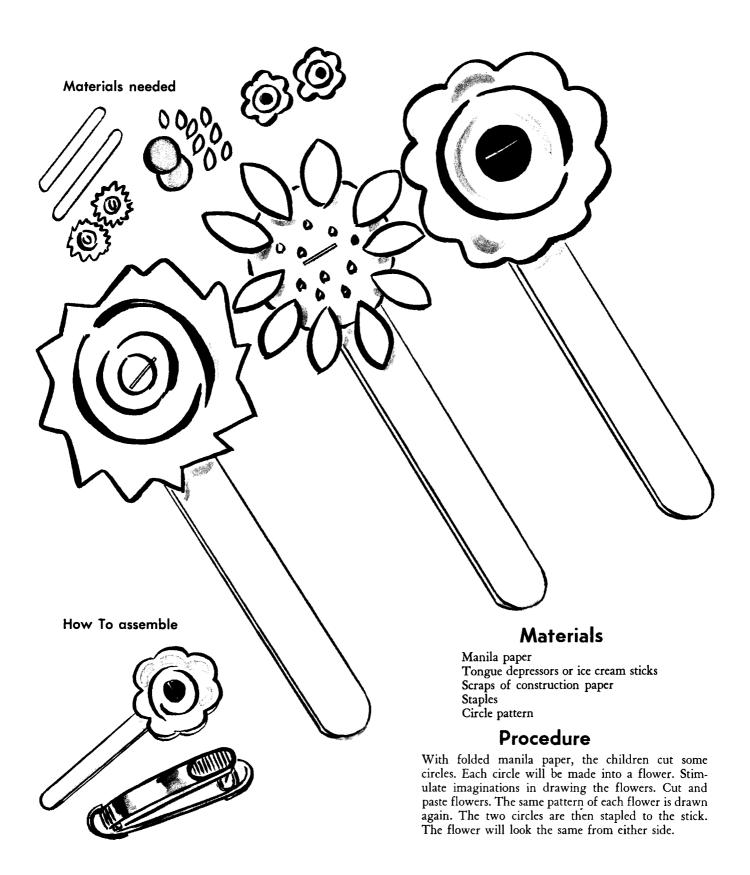
Perfume or cologne is sprayed on the cotton by the teacher before class begins.

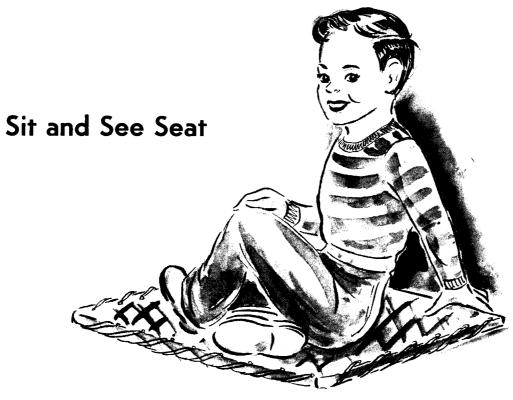
The cotton is pasted in the middle of the 6" doily. The 4" doily is pasted over the cotton or stapled down as shown.

Bows are selected and pasted on.

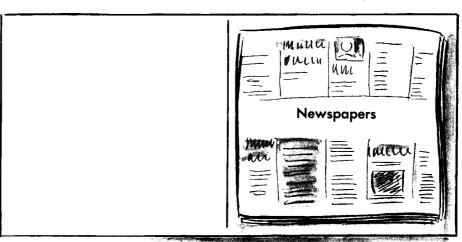
This makes a lovely gift.

## Flower Bookmark





Brown Craft paper



### **Materials**

Brown wrapping paper Newspapers
Yarn Staples

Paper puncher Crayons or paint

#### **Procedure**

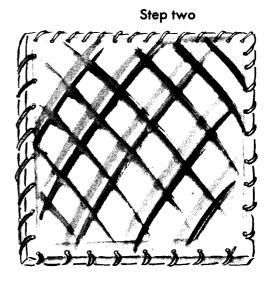
Newspapers are folded in half and piled up about 1-2" high for each Sit Upon.

The length of brown paper is folded in half. The newspapers are

placed as shown in Step one.

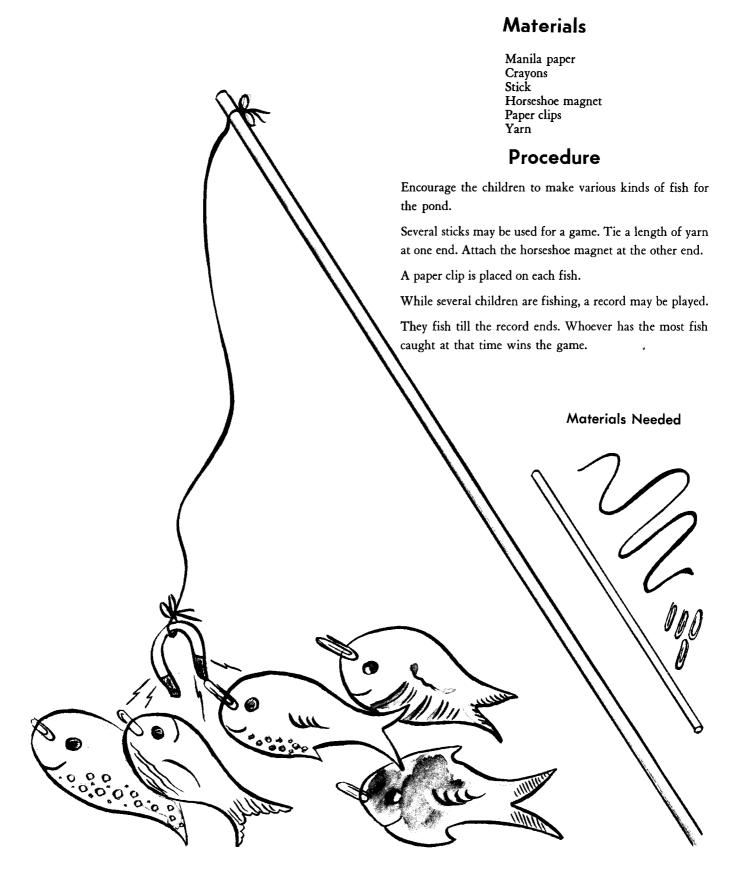
The edges are stapled together in Step two. Holes are punched around the sides.

The children then overcast the edges. A design or drawing is made on top.



Step one

# Magnet Fishing



# Hand Puppet

### **Materials**

Sock Cotton and ribbon Rubber binder Crayons and scissors

Paste

### **Procedure**

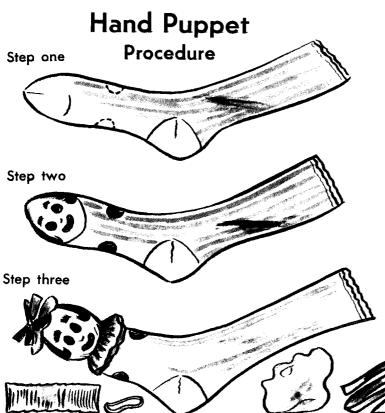
Have child stuff toe of sock with cotton. Place rubber binder around the neck. Measure for holes on each side to place fingers (teacher cut). Make eyes, nose and mouth with crayon. Paste on hair or hat.

#### **Stick Puppet**

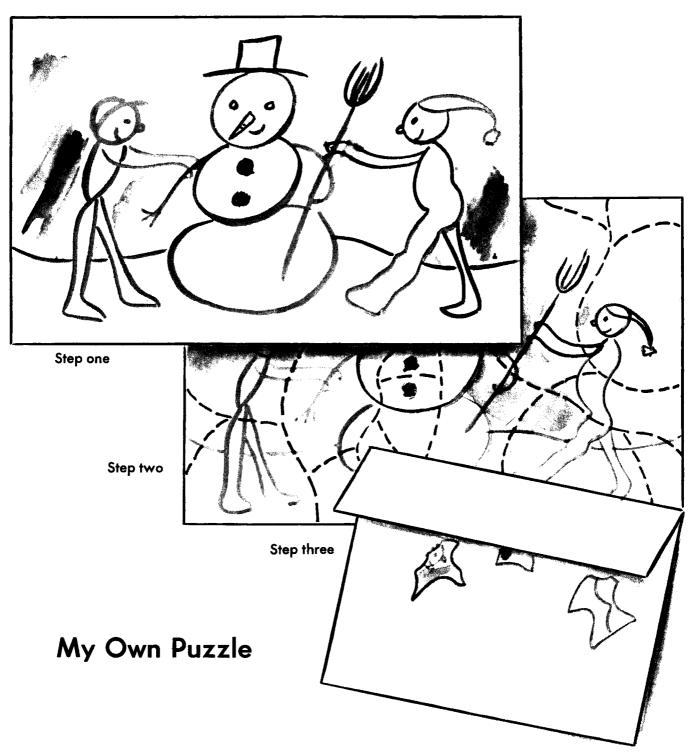
Oak tag Popsicle stick Crayons Scissors

Child draws a figure of a boy or girl then cuts it out. Paste the figure to the Popsicle stick.









### **Materials**

Oak tag Brown wrapping paper

Crayons Scissors

Paste

A picture is drawn on the oak tag by each child.

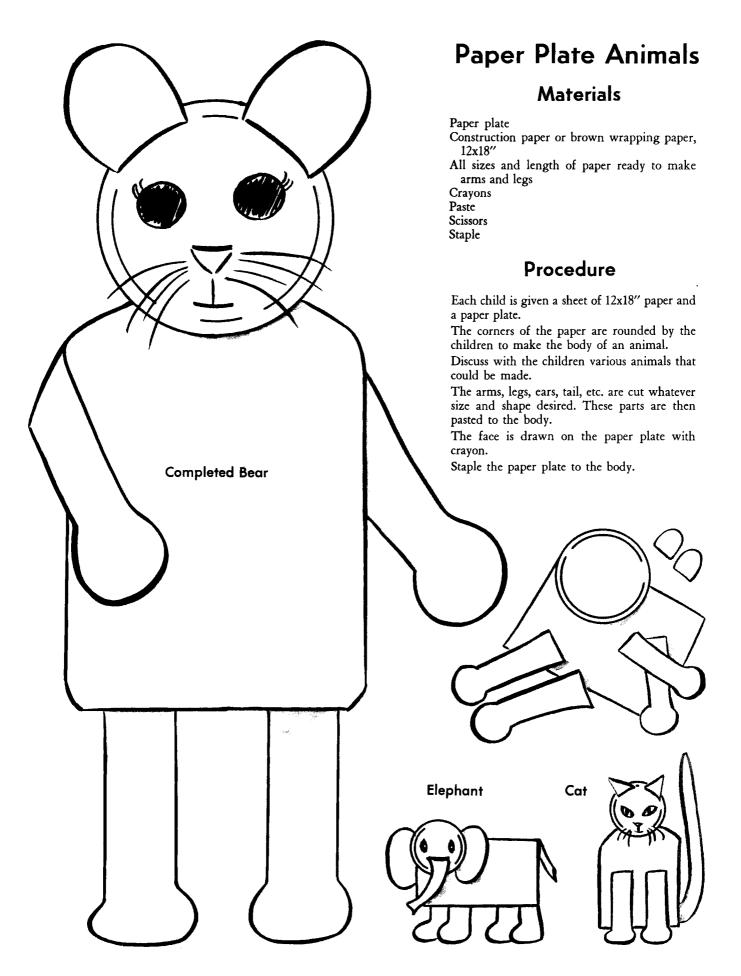
### **Procedure**

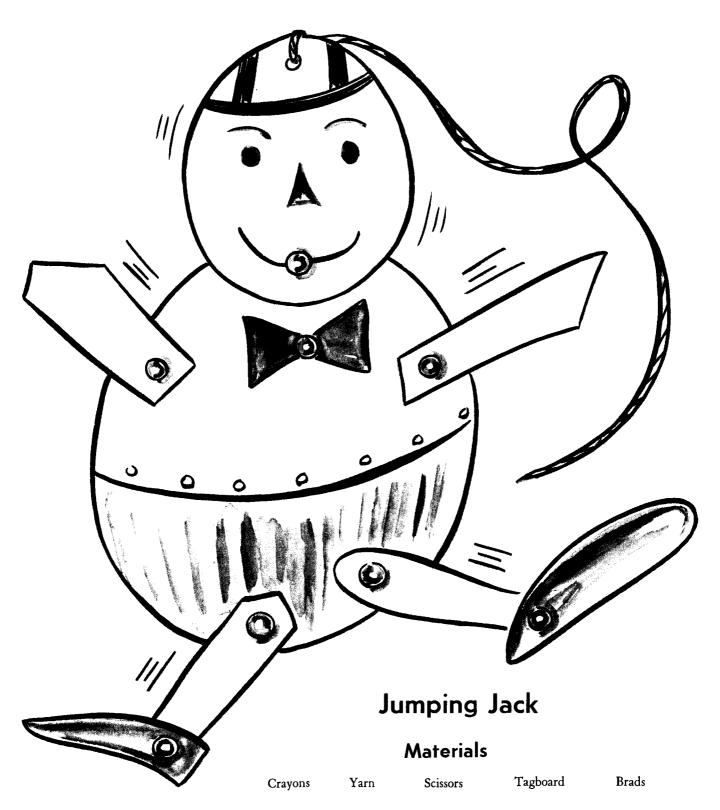
Tell the children a puzzle can be made by cutting this picture into many pieces as shown in Step 2.

An envelope of brown wrapping paper is made by each pupil to hold the pieces of the puzzle.

The brown paper is folded in half. One top edge is folded down to form the flap. The sides are pasted together. Add the name on it.

If a child wishes to make more than one puzzle, a different color background must be used.

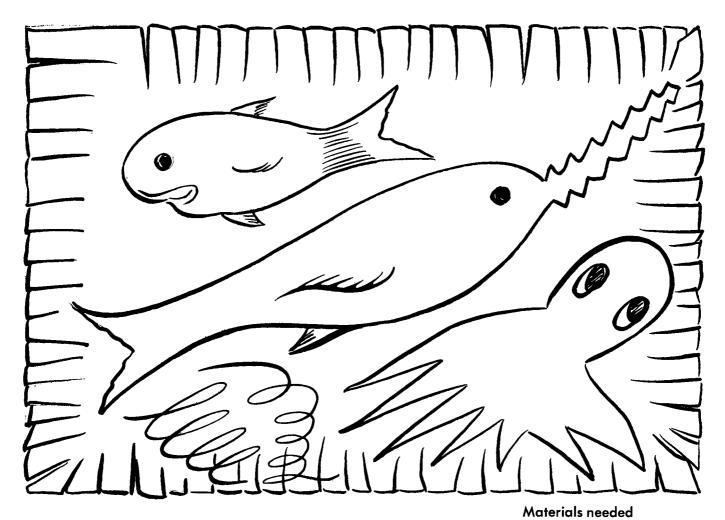




### **Procedure**

The children cut a big circle to form the body, a smaller one for the head. Arms and legs are cut from the strips or pieces of tagboard that are left. Let the children draw the puppet any way they wish. Perhaps some will want hands on the puppet that move, or a bow tie. Clothes are put on the puppet with crayon.

Let the children use a bobby pin to make a hole in the head to tie the yarn. Children put in the brads.



# **String Picture**

### **Materials**

Oak tag Scissors Manila paper Paste Crayons

Colored string

### **Procedure**

This art project can be correlated with the Magnet Unit.

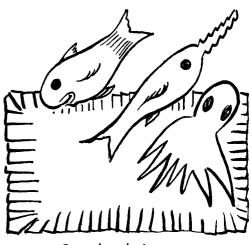
Encourage the children to draw different kinds of fish on the manila paper given each one.

Crayon is used to draw the real or imaginary fish.

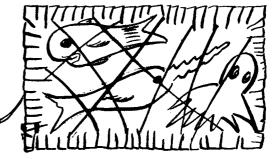
Tell the children to cut all four sides of the oak tag sheet with the scissors to get the fringe effect.

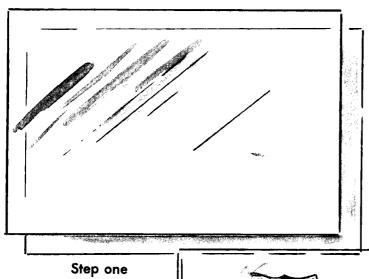
The fish are cut from the manila paper and pasted on the oak tag.

Yarn or colored string is then inserted in one of the slits cut and strung anywhere the child wishes. This same piece of colored string is crossed to any of the four sides until it is used up. Another color of string is selected and strung in like manner. Two or three colors may be used.

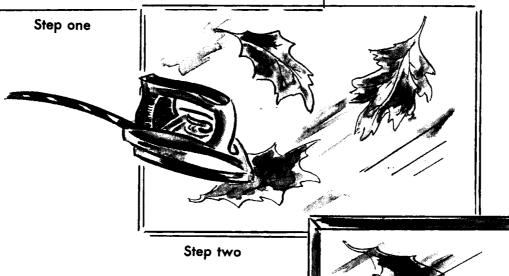


Completed picture





### **Pressed Leaves**



Note: It is advisable for the teacher to press the leaves after pupils are dismissed, or at home.

Step three

### **Materials**

Leaves Wax paper
Masking tape Iron

Children gather leaves while taking a science or nature hike.

The teacher should have the sheets of wax paper cut ready for the children to use.

An iron is set up in some part of the room.

#### **Procedure**

Each child places the leaves between two sheets of wax paper.

A warm iron is used to press or seal the wax papers and leaves together.

Colored masking tape is put around the edges to make a frame.

Tiny bits of colored construction paper can be placed between the wax paper also to make the picture more colorful. The Library of Congress has catalogued this book as follows:

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